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(*Vide Journal, Thursday P.M. May 8th.*)

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 " Dr. Morton,  
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 " Mr. Odenheimer,  
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 Dr. William Darlington,  
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 Gaylord Church,  
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 Jay Cooke,  
 G. M. Wharton,  
 Joseph Cabot,  
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## LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THIS CONVENTION.

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- Alleghany Co.*—Trinity Church, Pittsburg. A. Kirk Lewis.  
St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburg. Ebenezer Brower, Robert Orr.  
Christ Church, Alleghany City. Solomon W. Roberts.  
St. James' Church, Pittsburg, F. R. Brunot, M. Hodgkinson and D. Holmes.  
Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburg. Robert B. Sterling, David C. Herbst and J. M. Little.  
Calvary Church, East Liberty. William Wilkins, George R. White and Joseph H. Hill.  
*Armstrong Co.*—St. Paul's Church, Kittanning. George S. Rohrer.  
*Berks Co.*—St. Gabriel's Church, Morlatten. William Jones, Samuel Yocum and La Fayette Brower.  
Christ Church, Reading. Dr. William Grier, J. Pringle Jones and Joseph L. Stichter.  
St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown. Levi B. Smith.  
St. Michael's Church, Birdsboro'. Edward Brooke, George Brooke and David J. Lincoln.  
*Bradford Co.*—St. Matthew's Church, Pike. Dr. Edward Crandal.  
Christ Church, Towanda. John F. Means and B. S. Russell.  
*Bucks Co.*—St. James the Greater Church, Bristol. Lucius H. Scott, J. P. Mendenhall and Hezekiah King.  
St. Luke's Church, Newtown. Dr. James S. Rich, George H. Whitall and John Cresson.  
Grace Church, Hulmeville. Edmund Harrison, William Elmslie and Samuel Swift.

Trinity Church, Centreville. William Stavely, William Alexander and Albert S. Paxon.

St. Paul's Church, Doylestown. James Gilkyson, E. Mitchell Cornell and George E. Donaldson.

*Carbon Co.*—St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk. Asa Packer, William H. Sayre and George Ruddle.

*Centre Co.*—St. John's Church, Bellefonte. James Burnsides and J. P. Hall.

*Chester Co.*—St. Peter's Church, Great Valley. Henry Walley and John Tucker.

St. John's Church, New London township. John C. Macdonald, Benjamin F. Macdonald and Thomas M. Charlton.

St. Mary's Church, Warwick township. Thomas K. Bull and Jesse Evans.

St. John's Church, Pequea. J. G. Henderson.

St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland Township. Jonathan Jones, D. S. A. Ogier and A. Thomas.

St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent. Amariah Strickland and Thomas Strickland.

St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook. Samuel Jones and Andrew Forrest.

Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester. Dr. William Darlington, Lewis Brinton and George W. Pearce.

St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville. Harry L. Richards, Major McVeagh and Dendy Sharwood.

St. James' Church, Downingtown. William W. Downing, G. D. Rembaugh and David R. Baugh.

St. James' Church, West Marlboro'. John Bilson, Jr.

*Crawford Co.*—Christ Church, Meadville. John Dick, Gaylord Church and Edward Ellis, M.D.

*Dauphin Co.*—St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg. E. W. Roberts, J. R. Jones and William P. Beatty.

*Delaware Co.*—St. Paul's Church, Chester. John Larkin, Jr., J. B. McKevar and R. M. Johnson.

St. Martin's Church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook. Franklin Smith, John Gray and Benjamin F. Johnson.

St. David's Church, Newtown township, Radnor. H. Jones Brooke, John Mather and Benjamin Brooke.

St. John's Church, Concord township. William Gray, H. M. Brinton and Henry Paschall.

Calvary Church, Rockdale. R. S. Smith, John Fildes and John B. Rhodes.

*Erie Co.*—St. Paul's Church, Erie. George W. Starr, William C. Kelso and Bethel B. Vincent.

*Fayette Co.*—Christ Church, Brownsville. James L. Bowman and N. B. Bowman.

Trinity Church, Connelsville. Thomas Rogers.

St. Peter's Church, Uniontown. Dr. A. H. Campbell.

*Indiana Co.*—St. Peter's Church, Blairsville. John McCarl.

Christ Church, Indiana. Thomas White and William M. Stewart.

*Lancaster Co.*—St. James' Church, Lancaster. J. G. Thackara and A. L. Hayes.

Christ Church, Leacock. Christian Warfel, Benjamin Hall and Joseph Slack.

All Saints' Church, Paradise. J. B. Baker, Jacob Eshleman and David Conyngham.

St. Paul's Church, Columbia. J. Bruner, M.D., Cyrus H. Jacobs and Stephen F. Eagle.

St. John's Church, Lancaster. Isaac Diller, Theophilus Fenn and Robert Clarkson.

*Luzerne Co.*—St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre. E. W. Sturdevant, J. S. Osterhout and John N. Conyngham.

Trinity Church, Carbondale. Samuel R. Meredith, Thomas Dickson and Charles P. Wurts.

St. Luke's Church, Scranton. Benjamin H. Throop and Richard A. Oakford.

*Lycoming Co.*—St. James' Church, Muncy. James Hall, Joseph Gudykunst and Samuel W. Potts, M.D.

Christ Church, Williamsport. John W. Maynard.

*Montgomery Co.*—St. James' Church, Perkiomen township.  
William Casselberry and William L. Evans.

St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh township. Dr. James McCrea.

St. John's Church, Norristown. John McKay, Henry Edy and James W. Schrack.

Christ Church, Pottstown. Joseph Potts, Charles H. Clay and Robert E. Hobart.

The Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion. Frederick W. Porter, Isaac Hazlehurst and David Morgan.

*Montour Co.*—Christ Church, Danville. Peter Baldy, Sen., John Turner and John O'Conner.

*Philadelphia City.*—Christ Church, Philadelphia. William M. Meredith, James C. Booth and Peter McCall.

St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia. James S. Smith, Joseph R. Ingersoll and John Welsh.

St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia. J. D. George, R. G. Stotesbury and Jay Cooke.

St. James' Church, Philadelphia. G. M. Wharton, Joseph Cabot and Ellis Yarnall.

St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia. Cornelius Stevenson, Thomas Robins and John Bohlen.

St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia. Tobias Wagner, William Kirkham and Edward Shippen.

Grace Church, Philadelphia. Herman Cope, John W. Claghorn and Marshall Hill.

Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia. Lewis R. Ashhurst, Thomas H. Powers and Pierce Butler.

Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia. Dr. Samuel Lewis, Henry Austie and M. Russell Thayer.

St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia. William Martin, William Welsh and George L. Harrison.

Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia. John C. Cresson, William C. Houston and Rene Guillou.

St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia. Dr. Mutter, J. W. Kester and J. R. Wilmer.



Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia. Tinsley Jeter, Thomas Turner and William H. Woodward.

St. John's Church, Northern Liberties. Robert M. Moore, William Letford and Edward G. Whitman.

Advent Church, Northern Liberties. Abel Reed, A. Miskey and George Remsen.

St. Matthew's Church, Francisville. George M. Stroud, John Lambert and James S. McCalla.

St. Philip's Church, Spring Garden. Harry Conrad, William P. Cresson and William Webb.

Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden. Charles E. Lex, James M. Campbell and Lewis Thompson.

Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden. Thomas Loud, William H. Moore and Isaac S. Reed.

St. Jude's Church, Spring Garden. Francis Wharton, Jacob S. Miller and Thomas Cain.

Emmanuel Church, Kensington. Adam Moffit, George W. Vaughan and Matthew McPaul.

Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond. Edward C. Graeff, William Nyce and John Flood.

Zion Church, South Penn Township. John H. Bringhurst, Benjamin Whittington and Augustus Heaton.

Trinity Church, Southwark. John McCullen, Peter Williamson and Henry L. Gaw.

Church of the Evangelists, Southwark. Giles Boulton, Isaac Sansom and A. G. Coursault.

Gloria Dei Church, Southwark. John McKay, J. W. Jones and Thomas S. English.

All Saints' Church, Moyamensing. John Hayes, William Robinson and William Ridings.

St. Luke's Church, Germantown. Cornelius S. Smith, J. R. Lambdin and Samuel Cox.

Christ Church, Germantown. P. E. Hamm, Charles L. Scott and Benjamin G. Godfrey.



St. David's Church, Manayunk. Samuel Wagner, H. K. B. Ogle and Orlando Crease.

St. James the Less Church, North Penn township. Robert Ralston and James C. Kempton.

Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun. Charles J. Ingersoll, Dr. John F. Lamb and George Blight.

Trinity Church, Oxford township. John Cook.

All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin township. Joseph Vandegrift, Henry Dewees and Charles R. King.

Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg. Simmons H. Barrett, Benjamin Crispin and John B. Willian.

St. Mark's Church, Frankford. John Clayton, Samuel Tweedale and John Broadbent.

St. Mary's Church, West Philadelphia. John C. Mitchell, Robert L. Martin and Thomas S. Taylor.

St. James' Church, Kingsessing. Samuel Thomas, M.D., Aubrey H. Smith and Edward S. Buckley.

St. Andrew's Church, West Philadelphia. George R. Blakiston, James C. Vogdes and William Pierson.

Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia. J. L. Goddard, N. B. Brown and Franklin Bacon.

Trinity Church, Maylandville. James P. Allen, Newton D. Orrick and Joseph S. Riley.

Church of our Saviour, Moyamensing. Jacob Morrison, Thomas H. Montgomery and Charles M. Peterson.

*Schuylkill Co.*—Trinity Church, Pottsville. E. Owen Parry, Andrew Russell and Benjamin Bannan.

St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven. John Doherty, S. H. Shannon, M.D. and Charles M. Hill.

Zion Church, Tuscarora. Henry T. Haas.

Church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair. William Price, Joseph Foster and R. H. Coryell.

Calvary Church, Tamaqua. David Lewis, George H. McCabe and Samuel Martyn.

*Susquehanna Co.*—St. Mark's Church, New Milford. Harvey Griffing.

*Washington Co.*—Trinity Church, Washington. R. H. Lee.

*Wayne Co.*—Grace Church, Honesdale. Z. H. Russell, J. C. Gunn and E. E. Gilbert.

St. John's Church, Salem. Gaius Moss and Charles H. Mendenhall.

Zion Church, Sterling township. Richard Simons and George Simons.

*Westmoreland Co.*—Christ Church, Greensburg. Joseph H. Kuhns, Richard Kelly and D. K. Marchand.

*York Co.*—St. John's Church, York. R. J. Fisher, Thomas E. Cochran and G. C. Stair.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }  
Tuesday, May 6th, A. D., 1856, 5 o'clock, P. M. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of the Diocese, with several clergymen and lay deputies, attended at St. Andrew's Church.

The Bishop having taken the Chair, the Convention proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, prepared by the Bishop, was called over by the Secretary, when the following answered to their names, and took their seats, viz :

Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. Mr. Childs,
Rev. Mr. Allen,	" " Christman,
" " Atkins,	" Dr. Clay,
" " Bartow,	" Mr. Cooley,
" " Bean,	" " Cooper,
" " Beatty,	" " Crumpton,
" " Bonnar,	" " Davis,
" " Bowers,	" " De Wolf,
" Dr. Bowman,	" " Diehl,
" Mr. Buchanan,	" " Dorr,
" Dr. Bull,	" " J. M. Douglass,
" Mr. Byllesby,	" " Drake,

Rev. Mr. Duane,	Rev. Mr. Morris,
“ “ Geo. A. Durborow,	“ “ Moore,
“ “ S. Durborow,	“ “ Morss,
“ “ Durlin,	“ Dr. Morton,
“ “ Elsegood,	“ Mr. Natt,
“ “ Franklin,	“ Dr. Newton,
“ “ Furey,	“ Mr. Odenheimer,
“ “ Goddard,	“ “ Paddock,
“ “ Green,	“ “ Page,
“ “ R. D. Hall,	“ “ Prior,
“ “ Geo. Hall,	“ “ G. B. Rees,
“ Dr. Hare,	“ “ Reynolds,
“ Mr. Henry,	“ “ Robins,
“ “ Hirst,	“ “ Rodney,
“ Dr. Howe,	“ “ Rudderow,
“ Mr. Jaquett,	“ “ J. B. Smith,
“ “ E. C. Jones,	“ “ Richard Smith,
“ “ Kendig,	“ “ Spaekman,
“ “ Kirke,	“ “ Stem,
“ “ Knight,	“ Dr. Stevens,
“ “ Leaf,	“ Mr. Stone,
“ “ M. C. Lightner,	“ “ Suddards,
“ “ Long,	“ “ Thomson,
“ “ Lundy,	“ “ Tullidge,
“ “ Lycett,	“ “ Tyng,
“ “ Lyman,	“ Dr. Vaughan,
“ “ Marple,	“ Mr. Washburn,
“ “ Maxwell,	“ “ Wileoxon,
“ “ Mendenhall,	“ “ Wilmer,
“ “ Miles,	“ “ Winehester,
“ “ Miller,	“ “ Woods,
“ “ Mintzer,	“ “ Wright,
“ “ Montgomery,	“ “ Yarnall,

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment in the form prescribed by Canon, and their names being recorded and called, they answered and took their seats, viz :

Solomon W. Roberts,	Edward Brooke,	Wm. Alexander,
Robert B. Sterling,	J. D. Mendenhall,	E. Mitchell Cornell,
La Fayette Brower,	Wm. Stavely,	Wm. H. Sayre,
Henry Walley,	M. Russell Thayer,	Wm. Ridings,

Thomas K. Bull,	William Martin,	Cornelius S. Smith,
Harry L. Richards,	William Welsh,	J. R. Lambdin,
Major McVeagh,	John C. Cresson,	Samuel Cox,
John Bilson, Jr.	Wm. C. Houston,	Charles L. Scott,
Wm. P. Beatty,	Tinsley Jeter,	Orlando Crease,
James L. Bowman,	Thomas Turner,	Dr. John F. Lamb,
N. B. Bowman,	Wm. Letford,	George Blight,
John McCarl,	Abel Reed,	John Cook,
J. G. Thackara,	A. Miskey,	John Clayton,
Isaac Diller,	George Remsen,	John C. Mitchell,
Theophilus Fenn,	George M. Stroud,	Robert L. Martin,
John W. Maynard,	James S. McCalla,	Edward S. Buckley,
Wm. L. Evans,	Harry Conrad,	William Pierson,
Dr. James McCrea,	Wm. P. Cresson,	Franklin Bacon,
Peter Baldy Sen.,	Charles E. Lex,	James P. Allen,
John Turner,	James M. Campbell,	Joseph S. Riley,
James C. Booth,	Lewis Thompson,	Jacob Morrison,
Peter McCall,	Isaac S. Reed,	Charles M. Peterson,
James S. Smith,	Francis Wharton,	E. Owen Parry,
John Welsh,	Jacob S. Miller,	Andrew Russell,
Geo. M. Wharton,	Thomas Cain,	Benjamin Bannan,
Joseph Cabot,	Adam Moffitt,	David D. Lewis,
Ellis Yarnall,	George W. Vaughan,	E. E. Gilbert,
Cornelius Stevenson,	Matthew McPaul,	Chas. H. Mendenhall,
Thomas Robins,	Edward C. Graeff,	Joseph K. Kuhns,
John Bohlen,	William Nyce,	Richard Kelly,
Wm. Kirkham,	John H. Bringham,	Thomas E. Cochran,
Herman Cope,	Benjamin Whittington,	George L. Harrison,
Marshall Hill,	Augustus Heaton,	Joseph L. Stichter,
Pierce Butler,	John McCullen,	Wm. Martin,
Dr. Samuel Lewis,	John McKay,	J. B. McKeever.
Henry Austie,	Thomas S. English,	

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

The Rev. Wm. Bacon Stevens, D.D., was nominated for the office of Secretary; there being no other nomination, the balloting was dispensed with, and he was thereupon duly elected *viva voce*.

John Clayton, a lay deputy from St. Mark's Church, Frankford, Philadelphia, was then nominated for the office

of Assistant Secretary; and there being no other nomination, he was, in like manner, duly elected Assistant Secretary.

Whereupon the Bishop announced that the Rev. Dr. Stevens had been duly elected Secretary of the Convention, and John Clayton Assistant Secretary.

The Bishop then announced the appointment of the following Committees :

*Committee on Charters.*—Rev. Messrs. Maxwell, Lyman, Wilcoxson, and Messrs. J. C. Cresson, E. Owen Parry, Pierce Butler.

*Committee on Claims of Clergymen to Seats.*—Rev. Dr. Bowman, Mr. Goddard and Mr. Stem.

*Committee on Claims of Lay Deputies to Seats.*—Messrs. Robins, Booth, Kuhns and Baker.

The following nominations were then made according to the requisition of the 5th section of the first revised regulation, viz :

#### FOR STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Dr. Morton,	Thomas Robins,
“ “ Vaughan,	Richard S. Smith,
“ “ Hare,	Edward Olmsted,
“ “ Newton,	John Bohlen,
“ C. D. Cooper,	W. F. Griffiths.

#### FOR DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. Dr. Stevens,	Judge Stroud,
“ “ Howe,	“ Conyngham,
“ “ Newton,	Herman Cope,
“ G. D. Miles,	Rev. H. T. Lee.

Rev. Dr. Bowman offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the House shall hold two sessions every day, viz: from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., and from 5 P. M. to 7 P. M., provided that it shall not meet on Wednesday A. M. until 10 o'clock, when it shall assemble for divine service.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Washburn,

*Resolved*, That Clergymen of this Diocese, not entitled to seats in this Convention, Clergymen of other Dioceses, and Students of Divinity of the Protestant Episcopal Church, with Clergymen of the United Church of England and Ireland, present in this city, be and are hereby admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The following Clergymen took their seats under this resolution :

Rev. William Binet,	Diocese of Quebec.
Rev. William W. Spear,	“ “ South Carolina.
“ C. H. Wheeler,	“ “ Maine.
“ S. A. Clark,	} Diocese of New Jersey.
“ Samuel Clements,	
“ S. C. Stratton,	
“ Wm. D. Hanson,	
“ H. Brown,	
“ H. Hastings Weld,	
“ J. B. Clemson, D. D.,	Diocese of Delaware.
“ Rees C. Evans,	} Diocese of Pennsylvania.
“ W. R. Gries,	
“ B. R. Smyser,	
“ N. O. Preston,	
“ Alex. Shiras,	
“ C. F. McKae,	
“ W. T. D. Dalzell,	
“ N. S. Harris,	Diocese of Maryland.
“ George Sheets,	“ “ Delaware.
“ S. D. Dennison,	“ “ Connecticut.
“ C. B. Stout,	“ “ Wisconsin.
“ C. Gillette,	“ “ Texas.

The Bishop then announced the order of Services for to-morrow, according to the Rules of Order, and also, that the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday would be devoted to services and addresses bearing upon the Missionary work of this diocese.

On motion, adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, *Wednesday, May 7, 1856.*

The Convention assembled at 10 o'clock, and attended Divine Service.

The Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Bowers, the Lessons by Rev. Mr. Oliver, and the Litany by Rev. Wm. Newton.

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. H. H. Bean, from Acts ii. 42.

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop assisted by Rev. Dr. Bull, and Rev. Mr. Mintzer.

The Convention was called to order, when the Bishop read his

## ANNUAL ADDRESS.

### BRETHREN OF THE CONVENTION :

IN reporting the Episcopal acts which have been performed during the past year, it is proper to state that having been absent from the diocese for more than three months in pursuit of health, my lack of service was supplied by Bishop Lee, of Delaware, Bishop Johns, of Virginia, and Bishop Upfold, of Indiana. Bishop Lee administered Confirmation to two hundred and sixty-eight persons, on sixteen different occasions, on each of which he preached. He also admitted one candidate for Orders to the Diaconate, and ordained one Deacon Priest. Bishop Johns confirmed nine persons in one of the parishes of Philadelphia, and preached twice. During my absence in a remote part of the diocese in June last, two other candidates were admitted to the Diaconate by the kind offices of Bishop Meade, and one Deacon ordained Priest by the Provisional Bishop of New York. To Bishop Upfold, the parishes in Western Pennsylvania, in common with myself, have been indebted for a large amount of laborious service performed during two visitations, and extending over twelve counties. He visited twenty-seven parishes, officiated on thirty-nine occasions, confirming one hundred and eighty-four persons, and administering the Communion three times. I cannot refrain from expressing here my deep sense of the kindness and alacrity with which these, my brethren, have performed their labor of love, and rendered aid so seasonable, both for the diocese and myself.



I have myself officiated on one hundred and forty-eight occasions, on one hundred and ten of which I preached. On fifty-two of these occasions, Confirmation was administered to five hundred and twenty-four persons. I have also held seven Ordinations, at which four candidates were received to the Diaconate, and six Deacons advanced to the Priesthood. I have, likewise, consecrated two churches, laid the corner-stones of two others, baptized eight infants and one adult, administered the Holy Communion on sixteen occasions, and solemnized six marriages.

The *Summary* of all Episcopal acts performed in the diocese since the last Convention, exhibits the following result. Confirmation administered ninety-four times, to nine hundred and eighty-eight persons. Seven candidates for Orders admitted to the Diaconate. Eight Deacons ordained Priests, two churches consecrated, and the corner-stones of two churches laid.

#### ORDINATIONS.

1. *To the Diaconate*—On the 17th of May, (Ascension-day,) in presence of the Convention, Mr. John B. Henry.

On the 27th of the same month, (Whitsunday,) Mr. John William Claxton.

On the 1st of July, in Alexandria, (Va.,) by Bishop Meade, Messrs. George B. Reese and John Liggins.

On the 25th of November, in St. Andrew's Church, West Philadelphia, Messrs. George Boyd Allison, and Benjamin R. Smyser (under the new Canon).

On the 13th of February, 1856, at St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, by Bishop Lee, Mr. Samuel Bunce Seaman.

2. *To the Priesthood*—On the 3d of June, at St. Luke's Church, Germantown, the Rev. Cyrus F. Knight, assistant minister in said church.

On the 1st of July, by the Provisional Bishop of New York, the Rev. Sebastian F. Hodges, Assistant Minister in Trinity Church, Pittsburg.

On the 28th of October, in All Saints' Church, Philadelphia, the Rev. John P. Lundy, minister of said church.

On the 11th of November, in St. Paul's Church, Chester, the Rev. Robert W. Oliver.

On the 23d of December, in St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, the Rev. James W. Robins, the Rev. Wm. P. Ray, and the Rev. George A. Crooke.

On the 3d of March, 1856, by Bishop Lee, at the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, the Rev. George E. Thrall.

#### CHURCHES CONSECRATED.

May 29th, All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin.

October 14th, Christ Church, Indiana, Indiana Co.

## CORNER-STONES LAID.

July 16th, Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia.

May 1st, 1856, Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia.

## CONFIRMATIONS.

*Alleghany Co.*—Christ Church, Alleghany City, 7 ; by Bishop Upfold.

St. Matthew's Church, Etna, 16 ; " "

Calvary Church, East Liberty, 8 ; " "

St. James', Pittsburg, 16 ; " "

St. Peter's, Pittsburg, 33 ; " "

Trinity Church, Pittsburg, 10 ; " "

*Armstrong Co.*—St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, 14 ; by Bishop Upfold.

*Beaver Co.*—Christ Church, New Brighton, 1 ; by Bishop Upfold.

*Berks Co.*—Christ Church, Reading, 19.

*Butler Co.*—St. Peter's, Butler, 10 ; by Bishop Upfold.

*Bradford Co.*—St. Matthew's Church, Pike, 1 ; Trinity Church, Athens, 2 ; Christ Church, Towanda, (two confirmations) 14.

*Bucks Co.*—St. James' Church, Bristol, 6.

*Cambria Co.*—Christ Church, Johnstown, 9 ; by Bishop Upfold.

*Carbon Co.*—St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk, 2.

*Chester Co.*—St. Paul's Church, Great Valley, 1 ; St. John's Church, Pequea, 5 ; by Bishop Lee, of Delaware.

*Crawford Co.*—Christ Church, Meadville, 16 ; by Bishop Upfold.  
Conneautville, Missionary Station, 1 ; " "

*Delaware Co.*—St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, 10 ; St. Paul's, Chester, 5 ; St. David's, Radnor, 3 ; Christ Church, Rockdale, 10 ; St. John's, Concord, 5.

*Erie Co.*—St. Paul's Church, Erie, 15 ; by Bishop Upfold.  
St. Peter's Church, Waterford, 4 ; " "

*Fayette Co.*—Christ Church, Brownsville, 7 ; by Bishop Upfold.  
St. Peter's Church, Uniontown, 3 ; " "

*Lancaster Co.*—St. John's, Lancaster, (for St. James' and St. John's,) 14 ; by Bishop Lee, of Delaware. All Saints' Church, Paradise, 17 ; by Bishop Lee, of Delaware.

*Luzerne Co.*—St. James' Church, Pittston, 2 ; St. Luke's Church, Scranton, 3 ; Trinity Church, Carbondale, 5.

*Montgomery Co.*—St. John's Church, Norristown, 6.

*Philadelphia.*—Church of the Mediator, 11 ; St. Philip's Church, 32 ; Zion Church, (Kensington,) 3 ; St. Luke's, (Germantown,) 8 ; St. Stephen's 10, (and one in private,) 11 ; Christ Church, (Germantown,) 9 ; Church of the

Messiah, (Richmond,) 10; Church of the Evangelists, 16; Trinity Church, (Oxford,) 12; St. Andrew's, (West Philadelphia,) 15; Boone Street Mission, 1; All Saints' Church, 16; Church of the Atonement, 30; St. Mark's Church, (Frankford,) 8; Christ Church, (in private,) 1; St. Matthew's, (Francisville,) 4; Grace Church, 32; St. Peter's Church, 26, two of them being from Trinity. Also at other times in private, 6; making in all for the Parish, 30; Emmanuel Church, 24; Church of the Evangelists, (a second Confirmation,) 24; making a total of 40; St. Jude's Church, 9; St. Andrew's, 14; Church of the Redemption, 20.

Church of the Advent, 20; by Bishop Lee of Delaware.

St. Luke's Church, 15; and 2 on other occasions, do. do.  
in all 17;

Church of the Ascension, 8; and one for Church of the Redeemer for Seamen; do. do.

St. Stephen's, (a second confirmation,) 12; do. do.

St. James' Church, 25; do. do.

St. Mark's Church, 28; do. do.

Christ Church, 25; do. do.

Church of the Redeemer, 9; do. do.

Christ Church, (Germantown,) 24; do. do.

Church of the Nativity, 21; do. do.

Market Street Mission, 12; do. do.

St. James', Kingsessing, 5; do. do.

Church of the Epiphany, 27; do. do.

Church of the Messiah, 9; by Bishop Johns.

*Schuylkill Co.*—Trinity Church, Pottsville, 25.

*Susquehanna Co.*—St. Andrew's Church, Springfield, 5; Dundaff, 1; St. Paul's, Montrose, 1.

*Tioga Co.*—Sullivan Township, 1.

*Wayne Co.*—Zion Church, Sterling, 3; St. John's Church, Salem, 3; Grace Church, Honesdale, 5.

*Westmoreland Co.*—Christ Church, Greensburg, 5; by Bishop Upfold.

*Venango Co.*—Franklin Missionary Station, 3; by Bishop Upfold.

*Washington Co.*—Trinity Church, Washington, 6; by Bishop Upfold.

#### CLERGYMEN RECEIVED FROM OTHER DIOCESES.

Rev. W. Roach, from the Diocese of Bath and Wells (England).

“ Wm. P. Ray, do. New York.

“ Wm. V. Bowers, do. Virginia.

“ John Reynolds, do. New Jersey.

“ R. C. Moore, do. New Jersey.

“ Alexander Shiras, do. New York.

Rev. H. N. Powers,	from the Diocese of New York.
“ W. R. Gries,	do. New Jersey.
“ N. O. Preston,	do. Louisiana.
“ C. F. McRae,	} by Standing } Massachusetts.
“ Geo. T. Rider,	
“ J. P. Lundy,	from the Diocese of New York.
“ George Hall,	do. Delaware.
“ J. A. Jerome,	do. New Jersey.
“ James Trimble,	do. Ohio.
“ W. T. D. Dalzell,	do. Georgia.

## CLERGYMEN DISMISSED TO OTHER DIOCESES.

Rev. C. Arey,	to the Diocese of New York.
“ E. M. Skinner,	do. Michigan.
“ F. Ogilby,	do. New York.
“ Wm. H. Clark,	do. Georgia.
“ S. Clements,	do. New Jersey.
“ Wm. H. Cooper,	do. Ohio.
“ N. E. Cornwall,	do. Maine.
“ F. S. Wiley,	do. New York.
“ Morgan Dix,	do. “
“ Wm. E. Webb,	do. Virginia.
“ S. A. Clark,	do. New Jersey.
“ E. Myer,	do. Ohio.
“ G. L. Platt,	do. Massachusetts.
“ J. T. Huntington,	do. Connecticut.
“ Samuel Randall,	do. New Jersey.
“ J. C. Eccleston,	do. New York.
“ Horatio Gray,	do. West. New York.
“ J. T. Hutcheson,	do. Maryland.
“ Milo Mahan,	do. New Jersey.
“ Sylvester Nash,	do. Illinois.
“ Theo. S. Rumney,	do. New York.
“ James Trimble,	do. Iowa.

I ought here to record the departure by death, of one of the most laborious of our clergy, the Rev. John C. Helmuth. He served for two years as a deacon in the parish of St. James the Less, in this city, and also as assistant in the boarding-school of the rector of that parish. In both capacities his ministrations were earnest and indefatigable. He seems to have fallen victim to an ardour too great for his physical powers. His memory will long be cherished by those whom he loved and served.

## CHANGES IN PARISHES.

The Rev. John Reynolds has become missionary at Monte Alto, Franklin Co., and also at Christ Church, Huntingdon township, Adams Co.

The Rev. John Williamson, having removed from Freeport, Armstrong Co., has accepted a call to St. Paul's Church, Pittsburg, vacant by the removal of the Rev. Mr. McElhinney.

St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburg, has become vacant by the resignation of the Rev. N. E. Cornwall, and St. James, a new parish in the same city, by the resignation of the Rev. Samuel Randall.

The Rev. Wm. E. Webb, having resigned the care of St. Luke's, Newtown, St. Andrew's, Yardleyville, and Grace Church, Hulmeville, Buck's Co., the Rev. Wm. Hommann, from Wisconsin, has succeeded him as minister of the two former—the last still remaining vacant.

St. Paul's, Doylestown, and Trinity Church, Centreville, in the same county, vacated by the resignation of the Rev. Reese C. Evans, are now under the charge of the Rev. William R. Gries, from the Diocese of New Jersey.

The Rev. George Alexander Crooke has succeeded to the Rectorship of St. Peter's, Phoenixville, made vacant by the removal of the Rev. Samuel Durborow to the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia.

St. Andrew's, Clearfield, is again under the charge of its first rector, the Rev. Alexander McLeod, who has removed thither from Columbia and Marietta, in Lancaster Co.

During the last nine months St. Paul's Church, Erie, has been under the temporary charge of the Rev. John A. Bowman, who had previously been acting as missionary at Newcastle, Lawrence Co.

The Rev. H. T. Wilcoxson has exchanged the charge of the church at Connellsville, and Mt. Braddock, in Fayette Co., for that of St. Peter's, Uniontown, and Grace Church, Menallen.

The Rev. Robert W. Oliver has become a minister of St. Peter's, Blairsville, and Christ Church, Indiana (Indiana Co.), vacated by the resignation, and removal from the diocese, of the Rev. S. Nash. He also acts as missionary at Latrobe, Westmoreland Co., and Johnstown, Cambria Co.

St. Michael's, Wayne township, Armstrong Co., has again become vacant by the return of the Rev. Mr. Carter to the Diocese of New York.

Christ Church, Williamsport, vacated by the removal of the Rev. William H. Cooper to Ohio, is now, with the newly-organized parish at Lockhaven, under the pastoral care of the Rev. R. Channing Moore.



The Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion, Montgomery Co., with St. David's, Radnor, Delaware Co., became vacant early last autumn by the removal of the Rev. Henry Brown to New Jersey. The latter of these parishes is now supplied by the Rev. Richardson Graham, late of the Diocese of South Carolina. The former had, for a short time, the services of the Rev. George T. Rider, late from Western New York, and recently elected rector of a female seminary, established under the auspices of liberal members of our church at Pittsburg.

The Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia, the Church of the Nativity, St. John's Church, the Church of the Advent, the Church of the Mediator and St. James the Less, have all been vacated within the year by the resignation, and, except in the case of St. John's, by the removal from the diocese of their respective rectors.

Tuscarora, and the parts adjacent in Schuylkill Co., enjoyed, for a short time, the ministrations of the Rev. James Trimble, from the Diocese of Ohio, but he has since removed to the Diocese of Iowa.

The parishes at New Milford and Lodersville, relinquished by the Rev. Gardiner M. Skinner, are now under the charge of the Rev. George B. Reese.

The Rev. George Hall, from the Diocese of Delaware, has become Rector of Trinity Church, Washington Co., the Rev. John P. Lundy, from New York, Rector of All Saints', and the Rev. N. O. Preston, from Louisiana, Rector of the Church of the Nativity, in this city.

I cannot record these changes without sadness. Added to others which are determined upon, and which will be effected within the present month, they give the startling fact that nearly one quarter of all the clergy who last year, at this time, were in charge of parishes or missionary stations, in this diocese, will have removed from them. Can such a state of things consist with a healthy religious life among our clergy and people? Can it be continued without lamentable effects upon their character and their prosperity? It is a subject which demands, I conceive, our most earnest consideration. Change, carried at this rate over the whole diocese, would empty all our parishes once in every four or five years. The evils are by no means confined to the congregations. The usefulness of the ministry depends much less upon temporary or spasmodic efforts, than upon steady, long-continued and manifold influences, which adjust themselves to the peculiar condition of a place and congregation, and also to the special character and temperament of individuals. It depends much, too, upon the confidence and affection with which a pastor is regarded, and which

rarely grow up without protracted and familiar intercourse, and without a diligent attention, on his part, through successive years, to the training of the young. His comfort and happiness—especially as he advances in age—require that he should have around him known and well-tried friends. As a preacher, he should have studious habits and a warm interest in the spiritual condition of all his people; but it is evident that neither of these can be promoted by frequent migrations from parish to parish. As a pastor, too, almost every thing depends, under God, on his prudence, on his zeal and self-control; and yet each of these is more likely to be hindered than advanced by a practice which facilitates the escape of the rash or the remiss from the legitimate consequences of their faults, and darkens, to a faithful minister, his prospect of reaping the rich fruits of patience, meekness and self-sacrificing toils. Do we need a ministry studious, hopeful, loving, prudent, and energetic? Let us beware how we foster a practice which tends to make men idle, desponding, misanthropic, reckless. I rejoice to know, that in spite of this system, and when subjected to its most unrelenting operation, many of the clergy keep alive their faith and their zeal. We need not wonder that more than a few fail to do so.

How much the prospect of edification and of progressive increase and improvement in congregations must be impaired by these frequent changes, I need hardly indicate. The hand that sows the seed is the one that can best cherish and train the young or more vigorous plant. He who has watched and prayed, in season and out of season, not only for his collective flock, but for particular families or individuals, is not he, more than a stranger, likely to speak to them in their sorrows and joys “the word in season,” to supply the care and counsel which shall be fitted to their several necessities, and draw them with an all-persuasive power to the obedience of the faith? He who takes the child in his arms, and receives it by baptism into the Christian fold, is he not most likely to regard with affectionate interest its early Christian nurture, and he who, full of hope, begins that work of nurturing, is he not best qualified to carry it forward from stage to stage? Every thing which weakens the tenure of the pastor’s hold upon his flock, exposes the dearest and most important part of his work to be depreciated and neglected, while it causes undue importance to be attached to public and oratorical efforts. Whoever ministers in sacred things should carry with him, everywhere, all a shepherd’s heart, and should lightly esteem nothing which can contribute, in any way, to the spiritual welfare of any member or portion of his flock. He may be a missionary at large, itinerating over extensive tracts of

country, and yet be in many respects a pastor to those for whom he labors, and in a course of years can acquire an aptitude in dealing with their spiritual wants which few strangers can have.

It is true, that a large and powerful religious body, whose zeal and activity we might well emulate, has incorporated frequent periodical rupture of the pastoral tie as a prominent element of their system. It must be observed, however, that the sagacious founder of that system, never proposed to establish an independent church, but merely a missionary organization for the instruction and reformation of multitudes whom the Established Church of England had consigned to neglect; that he always inculcated allegiance to the communion of that church as a duty, and that the imperfect training and education of the teachers whom he sent forth, made their frequent translation from one sphere of labor to another an obvious—but, as perhaps a larger experience has shown—a doubtful expedient. Neither of these considerations apply to our church, except in the case of clergymen who have received a flagrantly defective education, and in theirs it may be doubted whether, with the early scholastic culture which all enjoy among us, the prevailing intellectual activity of our people, and the means of vigorous self-culture which any one can command, it would not be better to animate them to the work of persevering study than to deprive them of one of the strongest incentives to it. The necessity of ministering, year after year, to the same minds tends to rouse us to the work of enlarging our stores of knowledge and thought. An effect the directly opposite must result from a system which enables us, just as we have exhausted our slender stock of material in one place, to transfer it, in all its triteness, to another. With us, moreover, that system is divested of all that has tended to give it efficiency among our Methodist brethren. They distribute their preachers upon the nicest principles of the division of labor, detailing to each field the man who is best adapted for it; whereas, with us, the distribution is too often determined by little save accident or caprice.

I have sketched but part of the evils of a practice, which is, I fear, steadily gaining ground among us. I by no means maintain that in all cases, clergymen should be fastened for life to the posts at which they are first placed. He who, in a contracted sphere, has qualified himself for adorning and blessing one much more extended and exalted ought, alike for his own and for the gospel's sake, to be advanced to it. He who, by idleness or persevering indiscretions, or moral perversity fails to fill usefully and creditably, any sphere, be it large or small, has no right to demand impunity from the consequences of his fault. I only maintain that change, especially frequent and hasty



change, ought not to be installed as our rule, that it ought rather to be regarded as an evil, an exceptional necessity, which nothing but a greater evil, either to the church at large or to a particular congregation or clergyman can justify. Both parties to the pastoral relation should enter upon it with the hope and the presumption that it is to be permanent. The duties which pertain to it are then most likely to be discharged on both sides earnestly and thoroughly. The duty and the expediency of pursuing a course which is calculated to overcome difficulties, and to promote mutual concessions and co-operation, will become evident. Grounds of complaint, when they really exist, will be stated to the delinquent party frankly and kindly, in order to be removed; and incompatibilities which, in the first instance, might have seemed to be insurmountable, will gradually disappear. The labors of the minister whether in public, or from house to house, will be prized in proportion as they exhibit more and more of zeal, wisdom and power, and the minister perceiving this, will feel himself constantly impelled to reach a higher and higher excellence as a thinker, a preacher, and a pastor.

This prevailing instability in the relation of pastor and people, results in part, doubtless, from the restlessness which characterizes our age, and which impels so many, especially in our own land, to neglect the blessings they have, in pursuit of others that they know not of. It would be well if Christians, both in their individual and their collective capacity, offered a more steady and determined resistance to this spirit when it seeks change merely for change's sake. In few ways can this be done more effectually than by exhibiting examples of stability and contentment in our ecclesiastical relations. In this way we may often demonstrate that real progress is the work of time and of even humble efforts steadily applied, rather than of random and vagrant exertions however powerful. The attachment, too, which insensibly springs up between a people and the minister who marries them, baptizes their children, buries their dead, and who, in all their trials and successes, is ever at hand through long years to counsel and to sympathize, is often the one tie, when all others fail, which binds them to their ancient homes and their fathers' sepulchres.

A thorough cure for this evil must begin with the clergy. An opinion prevails, much too widely, that we consider ourselves entitled to exchange one field of labor for another, whenever, by doing so, we can promote our own temporal interest or comfort. Since the tie which connects a pastor and his people is the result, in the first instance, of a contract, if one party assert the right to terminate it whenever it may suit their taste, convenience or pecuniary interest, it

is hardly to be expected that a corresponding right will not, sometimes, be asserted by the other party. If the clergy seek relief and exhilaration by a frequent change of cures, it may be expected that parishes will catch the infection of such an example, and be desirous of the excitement which a new, and, as it is imagined, a more attractive preacher may supply. If a minister suffer it to be understood that he is ready, at the shortest notice, to quit his people for his own assumed benefit, because every thing is not to his liking among them, or because his position involves severe labor or privation, he should not wonder that his own real or supposed imperfections should be alleged as a sufficient reason why he should be ready to retire for their presumed advantage. In a country where congregations are invested directly, or through their representatives, with nearly the whole power of selecting and settling their pastors, it is idle to expect that they will in no case claim the power to unsettle them, if they are invited to it by the prevailing practice of the clergy themselves.

To sustain and strengthen many of our parishes and missions, requires much, both of effort and of self-denial from clergy and laity. It is due to the latter, to say, that, in many cases, they are not wanting. Inadequate as may be the support afforded by many congregations, it is but justice to some of their members, to affirm, that they become behind few clergymen in the sacrifices which they cheerfully endure for the gospel's sake. In proportion as we are patient, persevering and abundant in zealous, loving labor, in the same proportion may we expect to find the laity incited through God's blessing, to imitate our example. Our Saviour's ministry was not one that shunned the humble and the poor. He never shrank from want, or from personal hardships. And the power which the apostles wielded over the hearts of men, was it not largely due to their indifference to personal comfort, and the cheerful alacrity with which they faced any and every difficulty, if they might only win souls to Christ? Souls are still to be won. Christ's great work is still unfinished, and we may not hope to rouse the people to help it forward generously and heroically, unless as patterns of self-denying, self-sacrificing zeal, we, the ministers of the cross, lead the way. There are instances, doubtless, in which congregations move harshly and hastily against their pastors. But they are not common. One who is about his master's business, who in industry, assiduity and skill, rivals those who win success in other callings, rarely fails to command the respect and affection of his flock. If he be greatly wanting in either of these qualities, he must not expect to command high consideration. And if failure wait upon his ministry he ought always to begin, it seems to

me, by suspecting himself—and by searching for the cause of his ill success in some deficiency of his own. If he cannot find it there—if, after a rigid and candid review of his work he cannot accuse himself as wanting in either of the respects just mentioned, and if he is certain that the standard by which he tries himself, is a true and lofty one—then, and not till then, will he be warranted in casting the whole blame of his failure upon his flock.

A soil apparently the most stubborn and thankless, often gives way suddenly, and in a manner the most cheering before the patient laborer. For many weary years it may have tried his faith and courage. Often he has been tempted to fly from it in despair, thinking that the heavens are shut up forever—that the clouds will drop down no dew. But he knows not the counsels of the Most High. All the while, if he be faithful, the seed has been vivifying. The gentle influences of the Spirit have distilled silently but effectually, and at an hour perhaps, when he least expects, the sure presage of a rich harvest is beheld. Liberality, enterprise and energy are infused at the same time into the hearts of the people, and what long seemed a sickly and dependent parish, becomes instinct with an intensely vigorous life. Within the last ten years this has been the case with more than one of our congregations; but they are not congregations that have been subjected to a frequent change of pastors.

Some of the clergy find themselves sorely straitened and discouraged by the very limited number of those whom they can claim as parishioners. The effect on our spirits, and on aspirations and efforts after a higher culture, of having too little work is often worse than to be overtasked. To study closely, prepare sermons with a generous and laborious care, and be active as pastors or missionaries, is certainly not easy in some of our smaller cures. Yet there are few fields which do not admit of almost indefinite enlargement, if their incumbents will but consider themselves as sent to all within their reach, who are as sheep without a shepherd. Both in town and country there are multitudes of these, and when they cannot be brought to church, they can often be reached, with the happiest effect on minister and people, through personal intercourse, and through religious services in school-houses and private dwellings. Much is being done in this way already; but there is room for a material increase in a kind of labor which so pre-eminently accords with the ministry of Christ and his apostles, and which is so peculiarly fitted to pour a new life into the hearts of the clergy. It ought also to be remembered, that small parishes with light duty, afford to the clergy those opportunities for severe study, and for gaining pastoral efficiency, through which they can become

qualified for the more arduous and honorable posts of the profession. One reason why we find it so difficult to fill these posts, lies, I am persuaded, in the fact that our younger clergy are not, as a general rule, training themselves to a higher and higher efficiency with that systematic and studious industry which would be cherished by more stable pastoral relations.

In order to train clergymen to the highest possible efficiency, it is necessary that study and work should be more or less combined, as well during their novitiate, as afterwards. This consideration has led me to form the idea of establishing in this diocese a proper *Training-School* for candidates for orders, where they could be trained, at one and the same time, to the theory and practice of their profession. I have been in no haste to press the commencing of the institution, not doubting, that if really needed and approved of the Great Head of the Church, the way would in time, be opened. Meanwhile, I have much satisfaction in stating that many of our candidates are diligently at work as Scripture-readers, Catechists and Lay Missionaries. Two of the most efficient and interesting missions among the neglected and debased population of Philadelphia are conducted by two of our candidates. Most of the others are zealously engaged within and without the diocese. It is my purpose to send them, during the summer vacation, over those parts of Pennsylvania, where there is most spiritual destitution, to distribute tracts, Prayer Books and Bibles—to seek out the scattered members of our fold, and to prepare in other ways for the introduction of regular missions.

In our sore lack of clergymen, and of means to support them, it is grateful to find that pious and intelligent laymen are becoming more and more sensible of the obligation which rests upon them as stewards of Christ's truth. They are devoting more of time and care to the instruction of Bible-classes, and, in connection with the clergy, are devising and industriously applying other means to bring young men within the sphere of a proper church influence, and to carry the Gospel to those of every age and condition who are living without it. So long as these efforts are judiciously made in connection with our church system they promise only blessing; and I pray God, that many more labourers may be sent forth of Him who alone can send effectually. One layman in this city has under his teaching nearly one hundred young men just verging on manhood, and the recruits who pass each year from his classes to confirmation and to the Holy Communion shew how the Saviour smiles upon his work.

Having dwelt much, on former occasions, on the duty of enlarging our missionary operations in this Diocese, I pass the subject now.



I beg, however, to call the attention of the clergy and congregations to the crippled condition of the *General Missions of the Church*, both at home and in foreign lands. I regret to observe, that there are many congregations in Pennsylvania, who do little or nothing for this cause. The least, it seems to me, which a clergyman can do, consistently with his allegiance to the authority that established the General Society, is to instruct his people in their duty to aid in sending the Gospel throughout the world, and then to afford them, once at least in each year, the opportunity of contributing to both departments of that work to which our whole church stands pledged. Were this done, the resources of the Board would be much augmented, and we should not be so frequently humbled by the report that its most hopeful undertakings are loaded with embarrassments, and its treasury on the eve of bankruptcy.

In connection with our African Mission, which seems to be conducted with great wisdom and zeal, the colony of Liberia is richly entitled to our sympathy and aid. Nothing is more likely to promote the diffusion of Christianity and civilization on that hitherto ill-fated continent, nor is any thing more likely to react favorably on the condition and prospects of our own colored population than such an enlargement and improvement of that Republic as shall make it an attractive home to our Africo-American people, and an object of respect and esteem to the surrounding natives. The policy of the American Colonization Society looks at present to special efforts to raise the character of the colonists sent out, and to increase materially their number. They are efforts which merit the co-operation of every friend of religion and humanity; and I would commend them to special attention on the approaching anniversary of our American Independence. On the coast of Africa there is a sister Republic, whose independence and nationality has been acknowledged by all the leading powers of Europe—which is destined, we may hope, to act a most powerful and benificent part in the future of the black race, but which needs now greatly the prayers and the help of the Christian philanthropist. I should be much gratified if our clergy and congregations could find it in their hearts to have contributions to the treasury of the Colonization Board of Pennsylvania made on some Sunday near Independence Day, and if these contributions were connected with a full exposition of the objects and claims of this great movement.

In closing this address I need but refer to the subject of dividing the Diocese or electing an Assistant Bishop, which was introduced to your notice last year. I intimated, at that time, that I would bring the subject formally before you, so soon as I could determine whether

the emergency which requires an Assistant Bishop was likely to arise, or there was sufficient evidence that a division of the diocese could be effected advantageously. As I then proposed, I have, during the past year, studiously declined all but official engagements, and have sought, by rest and recreation, to recuperate powers which seem to have been materially shattered. The success with which this course has been attended cannot be clearly ascertained at present, as I have but just returned from a somewhat protracted journey, which brought with it almost entire exemption from customary cares and labours. I cannot say that I am sanguine in respect to the future. I shall neglect nothing, in the way of rest, which may be at all consistent with the proper discharge of duty, and I shall not feel authorized to apply for an Assistant, unless, in my own judgment, and in that of my medical advisers, such a measure is urgently required. In the mean time, the whole subject might be allowed, I should suppose, to rest. The number of presbyters and congregations contained without any line of division, which the Convention would be likely to sanction, is not at present sufficient to constitute an independent Diocese, under the 5th Article of the Constitution, and their withdrawal, even if the number were barely sufficient, would leave the remainder of the diocese with a larger number of clergymen and parishes than it had ten years since, when I took charge. The relief, therefore, which their withdrawal would afford, would not be sufficient to meet the exigencies of a Bishop so far disabled as to be entitled to an assistant, under the provisions of the Canon.\* I shall hold myself ready to co-operate in any and every measure which may be found, after mature deliberation, to be demanded by the best interests of the Diocese. In respect to the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made me overseer, as well as in respect to myself, I desire, I trust, nothing so earnestly, as that God's will may be done, and I have a profound conviction, that if, in the spirit of meekness and love, we seek His guidance, it will not be wanting in our day of need.

A. POTTER.

PHILADELPHIA, May 7th. 1856.

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\* Canon 6, of 1832.

The roll was then called, when the following clergy, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats :

Rev. Mr. Beasley,	Rev Mr. Latimer,
“ “ J. A. Bowman,	“ “ E. N. Lightner,
“ “ Crooke,	“ “ Murphy
“ “ B. J. Douglass,	“ “ Wm. Newton.
“ Dr. Ducachet,	“ “ Oliver,
“ Mr. Field,	“ “ Perkins,
“ “ Foote,	“ “ Quick,
“ “ Hard,	“ “ Russell,
“ “ Hilton,	“ “ Thrall,
“ Dr. Killikelly,	“ “ White,
Rev. Mr. Van Pelt,	

And the following Lay Deputies.

Mr. A. Kirke Lewis,	Mr. Edward Shippen,
“ F. R. Brunot,	“ Thos. H. Powers,
“ J. Pringle Jones,	“ Robert M. Moore,
“ Levi B. Smith,	“ Edward G. Whitman,
Dr. Edward Crandel,	“ Wm. Webb,
Mr. Lucius H. Scott,	“ Thomas Loud,
“ John Cresson,	“ John Flood,
“ James Burnside,	“ Peter Williamson,
“ J. P. Hale,	“ Henry L. Gaw,
“ John Tucker,	“ P. E. Hamm,
“ Jonathan Jones,	“ B. G. Godfrey,
“ A. Thomas,	“ Samuel Wagner,
“ Samuel Jones,	“ H. K. Boyle,
“ George W. Pierce,	“ Robert Ralston,
“ Dendy Sharwood,	“ Henry Dewees,
“ John Larkin, Jr.,	Dr. Charles R. King,
“ R. W. Johnson,	Mr. Simmons H. Barrett,
“ Franklin Smith,	“ Benj. Crispin,
“ John Gray,	“ John B. Willian,
“ H. Jones Brooke,	“ Robert L. Martin,
“ John Mather,	“ Thos. H. Montgomery,
“ Thomas Rogers,	“ John Fildes,
Dr. A. H. Campbell,	“ J. R. Wilmer,
Mr. John McCarl,	“ J. W. Kester,
“ Thomas White,	“ T. G. Henderson,
“ J. B. Baker,	“ C. Warfel,
“ Jacob Eshleman,	“ Isaac Hazlehurst,

Mr. E. W. Sturdevant,  
 “ J. S. Osterhout,  
 “ Wm. Casselberry,  
 “ John McKeay,  
 “ Robert E. Hobart,  
 “ Wm. M. Meredith,

Mr. David Mergin,  
 “ C. M. Hill,  
 “ H. Edy,  
 “ Jas. W. Schrack,  
 “ Thomas White.

The Committee on the Division of the Diocese, &c., made the following Report through its Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Bowman :

The Committee to whom was referred by the last Convention, the duty of considering, and reporting upon the comparative expediency of dividing the Diocese, or electing an Assistant Bishop ; a subject which our Diocesan had brought to the notice of the Convention in his Annual Address, have had the same under consideration, and now respectfully report :

1. As to a division of the Diocese :—Upon the best consideration they could give to the subject, the only division your Committee are at this moment prepared to recommend, would be by a line running due north and south through the centre of the State. But as such a line would not give to the Western Diocese, a sufficient number of clergy to authorize a division under the Constitution, your Committee are not prepared now to recommend any division whatever ; how desirable soever they may think such a measure, as well for the relief of the Bishop, as for the securing of more through Episcopal visitations.

2. In regard to the question of an Assistant ; your Committee having, in accordance with the resolution under which they act, consulted with the Bishop, and finding him unprepared to say that the state of his health is at present such as, under the Canon, to justify him in asking for an Assistant, they cannot of course recommend such a measure. Yet, inasmuch as it is evident to your Committee, that some relief under his onerous duties, is imperatively called for, they beg to offer in conclusion, the following resolution : *Resolved*, That it be respectfully recommended to the Bishop to spare himself as much as possible in the discharge of his public duties, and as a further means of relief, to make his visitations at longer intervals, thus enabling him to pass more time in each parish, particularly in the rural districts ; and should an absence of some months from the Diocese be deemed advisable, that he be earnestly requested to avail himself of that measure.

S. BOWMAN, *Chairman*.  
 G. M. WHARTON,  
 RICHARD B. DUANE,  
 HENRY J. MORTON,  
 THEODORE B. LYMAN,  
 GEO. M. STROUD,  
 WM. WELSH.



The Report was accepted, and the resolution appended thereto unanimously adopted.

The Secretary then read the following communication :

PHILADELPHIA, April 25th, 1855.

MY DEAR SIR:—The undersigned, Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the *General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church*, hereby respectfully requests the attention of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, to certain Amendments of the Constitution of the Church, which were proposed at the Triennial Convention of 1853, and will be brought up for final action at the Convention of 1856.

Copies of these proposed Amendments may be found collated on the fourth page of the fly-leaves of the Journal of the General Convention of 1853, which Journal was duly forwarded to the Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

M. A. DE WOLFE HOWE.

To the REV. DR. STEVENS,

*Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

On motion of Mr. Geo. M. Wharton, the subject-matter of the above communication was made the order of the day, as the first item under the head of miscellaneous business.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Standing Committee.

*The Standing Committee* report that they organized on the 5th of June, 1850, by appointing the Rev. Dr. Morton, President, and Mr. Edward Olmsted, Secretary. They subsequently elected Mr. William F. Griffiths, a member to supply the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Edward C. Biddle.

They have, during their year of service, signed testimonials recommending the ordination to, and the admission as candidates for, Holy Orders, as follows: For ordination to Priests' Orders, Rev. J. S. B. Hodges, Rev. Wm. Porter Ray, Rev. John P. Lundy, Rev. R. W. Oliver, Rev. J. Wiltbank Robins, Rev. George Alexander Crooke, Rev. Geo. E. Thrall, and Rev. John Williamson. For ordination to Deacons' Orders, Messrs. John Liggins, George R. Reese, Dr. George Bond Allison, Benjamin R. Smyser, Samuel B. Seaman and Alfred Elwyn.

For admission as candidates for Holy Orders, Messrs. Joseph D. Newlin, Thomas K. Conrad, Marison Byllesby, Faber Byllesby, William R. Carroll, Samuel Tweedall, Henry O. Potter, George Bringham, Thomas Druman, Marshall B. Smith, John Tetlow and Samuel B. Dalrymple.

In obedience to a resolution of the Convention of the Diocese of 1841, they appointed, at their first meeting, a Committee on Records, a copy of whose report to them is herewith submitted.

The Committee have given their assent to the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia, and the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, disposing of part of their property; the object of such disposition, being, in both cases, the application of the proceeds to the enlargement or rebuilding of their respective church edifices.

The Committee on Charters, at the meeting of the Standing Committee, on the 3rd of January, 1856, presented a report, which, with the proceedings thereon are here inserted :

“The Committee on Charters report that they have examined the draft of the proposed Corporation of ‘The Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of St. Peter’s Church, Plymouth,’ and find the same to conform substantially to the form recommended by the Convention of the Diocese. An act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved April 25, 1855, entitled an Act relating to Corporations, and to Estates held for Corporate, Religious and Charitable uses,” requires that in all future charters granted by the Courts of the Commonwealth, there shall be inserted therein, provisions that will secure to the lay members of the same, control over the corporate property. To meet this requirement, the Committee recommend that at the end of Section 3, the following shall be added : ‘*Provided*, That all the property of the said Corporation shall be taken and held, subject to the control and disposition of the lay members of the same, through the vestry or governing body of said Corporation.’

“The Committee further recommend that, upon the application to the proper court, for the grant of the charter for the said Church of St. Peter’s, the proposed amendment to the 3d Section should be distinctly brought to the notice of such court, in order to obtain its opinion whether the same conforms to the requisition of the said act of Assembly. The Committee also recommend, that a copy of this report be furnished by the Secretary to the parties presenting the draft of the Charter to the Standing Committee.”

This report after consideration, was accepted and approved; and the Secretary of the Committee was directed to furnish a copy to the parties interested.

The Committee report that the amendment so proposed by them, was inserted in the Charter and has received the approbation of the Court of the County, wherein the proposed Church Corporation is situate.

The Committee herewith present the accounts of the Treasurer of the

Convention Fund, and of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, which have been examined and are correct.

On the 3d of January, 1856, the Bishop informed the Committee that the state of his health required his absence from the Diocese for the space of three months or more, and he constituted the Committee the Ecclesiastical authorities of the Diocese, subject to the Canons of 1855.

In pursuance of the authority so vested in them, the Committee have performed the following ecclesiastical acts, namely :

We issued Letters Dismissory in favor of Rev. G. Lewis Platt, Rev. John J. Huntington and Rev. Samuel A. Clark, and they have received evidence of the acceptance of said letters.

The acceptance of Letters Dismissory in favor of Rev. James Trimble and Rev. C. F. McRae.

The admission of Mr. Marshall B. Smith, as a candidate for orders. They have received notice of the election of Rev. William Hammon, as Rector of St. Luke's Church, Newtown, and St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, and of the Rev. C. F. McRae, as Rector of St. John's Church, Philadelphia.

HENRY J. MORTON, *Chairman*.

May 6th, 1856.

The Subscriber, acting for the Committee of Records, reports the following additions to the stores of the Committee as having been made since the last annual report :

Journal of the Pennsylvania Convention for 1855,	200 copies.
Pennsylvania Canons, do 1855,	500 "
Journals of Convention of other Dioceses for 1855, now bound,	2 Vols.
Various Pennsylvania Journals, between the years 1815 and 1850, some of which are very rare, presented by the Rev. D. S. Miller, viz :	

Journal of the Thirty-first	Convention,	A. D. 1816,	1 copy.
"	Thirty-fourth	"	1818, 2 "
"	Thirtieth	"	1822, 1 "
"	Fortieth	"	1824, 1 "
"	Forty-sixth	"	1830, 1 "
"	Forty-eighth	"	1832, 4 "
"	Forty-ninth	"	1833, 1 "
"	Fifty-first	"	1835, 1 "
"	Fifty-second	"	1836, 2 "
"	Fifty-fourth	"	1838, 2 "
"	Fifty-fifth	"	1839, 2 "
"	Fifty-sixth	"	1840, 3 "
"	Fifty-seventh	"	1841, 1 "
"	Fifty-eighth	"	1842, 1 "
"	Fifty-ninth	"	1843, 1 "

Journal of the Sixtieth	Convention,	A. D. 1844,	1 copy.
“ Sixty-first	“	1845,	1 “
“ Sixty-second	“	1846,	1 “
“ Sixty-third	“	1847,	2 “
“ Sixty fourth	“	1848,	1 “
“ Sixty-fifth	“	1849,	1 “
“ Sixty-sixth	“	1850,	1 “

A Sermon preached before the Pennsylvania Convention of 1855, by the Rev. Samuel Bowman, D.D., about 150 copies.

The Committee has had bound in a single volume, copies of the several editions of Canons which have been set forth by the Diocese of Pennsylvania, from 1814 to 1855.

GEO. EMLÉN HARE.

The Standing Committee presented the following Report on certain Charters laid before them :

The Standing Committee herewith present the articles of association of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, and the Charters of Christ Church, Coudersport, and St. Peter's, Plymouth, which they have examined and find to conform to the form of charter set forth by the Convention.

The Committee also present the charter of the Church of the Holy Apostles, with the information that they do not approve of it. Because, (1.) the Church Corporation is authorized to alien or otherwise dispose of its property with the assent of the Bishop alone. The Convention having recommended that such assent should be given by the Convention or the Standing Committee. (2.) The Vestry is to be composed of persons "connected" with the church, which is considered too indefinite a description of persons eligible as Vestrymen. (3.) The Vestry is to be elected by such members of the Church as shall appear by the by-laws entitled to vote. Thus allowing the Vestry for the time being, to define the constituent body. (4.) No person is allowed to officiate in the public services of the Church, unless he be recognised by the Bishop, or, in the case of vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee. By which no Episcopal clergyman from another Diocese can officiate temporarily in the Church unless he shall have been previously recognised by the said authority.

HENRY J. MORTON, *Chairman*.

On motion, this Report was referred to the Committee on Charters.

The Secretary also announced that the Reports of the Treasurer of the Convention Fund, the Treasurer of the

Episcopal Fund, and the Treasurer of the Christmas Fund, for disabled Clergymen, had been received and laid on his table.

The Rev. Dr. Hare presented the following Report :

The Committee to whom was referred by the Convention of 1855, (Journal p. 62,) the publication of a new edition of the Constitution, Canons and Regulations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, report that they have performed the duty assigned them.

G. EMLÉN HARE,  
GEO. M. STROUD,  
JOHN C. CRESSON.

The Rev. Dr. Stevens offered the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted :

*Whereas*, at the Convention of this Diocese in 1855, a committee was appointed to prepare a new edition of the Constitution, Canons and Regulations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, and to publish the same if they could do so without expense to the Convention. And

*Whereas* said Committee have discharged the duty assigned to them, and have laid upon the Secretary's table copies of their carefully collated edition, for the use of this Convention. Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be, and are hereby given to the Rev. Dr. Hare, Judge Stroud and John C. Cresson, Esq., for their care, diligence, and liberality in satisfactorily carrying out the views of this Convention, by furnishing its members with an accurate edition of the Constitution, Canons and Regulations of this Diocese.

The following persons were then nominated as delegates to the General Convention :

Rev. Samuel Bowman, D.D.

“ J. P. B. Wilmer,

“ G. Emlen Hare, D.D.

“ Theodore B. Lyman,

Wm. M. Meredith,

Geo. M. Wharton,

Judge Hepburn,

John C. Cresson.

On motion, adjourned.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA, St. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }  
 Wednesday, May 6th, 1856, 5 P. M. }

Convention reassembled.

The roll was called, when several clergymen and lay deputies not before present, answered to their names and took their seats.

The House proceeded to the order of the day, viz: the election of Clerical and Lay Deputies to the General Convention, and of a Standing Committee.

The Bishop appointed as tellers, to receive the Clerical vote for Deputies to the General Convention, the Rev. Messrs. Odenheimer, Washburn, Mintzer, and Long; and for the Lay vote, Messrs. Judge Burnside, Joseph Baker, L. H. Scott, Dr. King.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Tyng, the election of a Standing Committee was postponed.

The Rev. Mr. Odenheimer, on the part of the tellers for the Clerical vote, reported that 102 votes were counted; necessary to a choice, 52; and that the following was the result:

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.	VOTE.
Rev. Dr. Howe.....	67
“ “ Stevens.....	65
“ “ Newton.....	58
“ “ Bowman.....	52
“ Mr. G. D. Miles.....	44
“ “ J. P. B. Wilmer.....	39
“ “ T. B. Lyman.....	36
“ Dr. Hare.....	34
“ “ Morton.....	5
“ Mr. E. Y. Buchanan.....	2
“ Messrs. Odenheimer, Vaughan, Tyng, Natt, and Clay, each.....	1



LAY DEPUTIES.	VOTE.
Hon. Geo. M. Stroud.....	60
Herman Cope.....	61
Hon. J. N. Conyngham.....	63
Professor Richard Henry Lee.....	57
George M. Wharton.....	44
Hon. Wm. M. Meredith.....	40
Hon. Hopewell Hepburn.....	40
John C. Cresson.....	40
James S. Smith.....	1
Caleb Cope.....	1

Judge Burnside, on the part of the tellers for the Lay vote, reported that 88 Churches had voted; necessary to a choice, 45; and that the following was the result :

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.	VOTE.
Rev. Dr. Howe.....	58
“ “ Stevens.....	57
“ “ Newton.....	50
“ Mr. Geo. D. Miles.....	47
“ Dr. Bowman.....	41
“ “ Hare.....	32
“ Mr. J. P. B. Wilmer.....	30
“ “ T. B. Lyman.....	28

LAY DEPUTIES.	VOTE.
Hon. J. N. Conyngham.....	56
Herman Cope.....	55
Hon. Geo. M. Stroud.....	53
Professor R. H. Lee.....	50
Hon. Wm. M. Meredith.....	33
Geo. M. Wharton.....	33
John C. Cresson.....	32
Hon. Hopewell Hepburn.....	31

Whereupon the Bishop declared that the Convention had elected the Rev. Drs. Howe, Stevens, and Newton, and Messrs. Conyngham, Stroud, Cope and Lee, Deputies to the General Convention, and that there was one Clerical vacancy.

Mr. Bull moved that further balloting be dispensed with.



Rev. Dr. Hare moved to amend this motion by adding the words "the election for Delegates to the General Convention having been already complete."

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stone, the resolution and amendment were laid on the table.

It being resolved to proceed to another ballot, the tellers appointed before having received the votes, reported as follows :

The tellers of the Clerical vote reported 94 votes cast; necessary to a choice, 48; and that the following was the result :

Rev. Dr. Bowman.....	71
“ Mr. G. D. Miles .....	12
“ Dr. Hare .....	4
“ R. B. Duane.....	4
“ Drs. Newton, Ducachet, and Mr. Miller, each.....	1

The tellers of the Lay vote reported that 73 churches had voted; necessary to a choice, 37; and that the following was the result :

Rev. Dr. Bowman.....	52
“ Mr. Miles.....	16
“ Dr. Hare .....	4
“ Mr. C. W. Quick.....	1

Whereupon the Bishop announced that the Rev. Dr. Bowman was elected.

On motion, Convention adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

WM. BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, }  
 Thursday Morning, May 8th, 1856, 9 o'clock. }

The Convention was called to order and opened with devotional exercises, by the Bishop and the Rev. Mr. White.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Secretary proceeded to call the names of the clergy, as required by the Canons of the Diocese, Canon xii. §5.

Also, the Parishes were called over, as required by the Fourth Revised Regulation.

The business next in order, being the completion of elections not previously made, it was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the election of a Treasurer of the Convention, and a Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, be appointed.

The Committee on the Claims of Clergymen to seats, report :

The facts in the case of the Rev. Mr. Evans applying for a seat in this Convention, are substantially as follows: For six months or more, Mr. Evans has had no fixed or settled charge of any kind, but has been employed almost constantly in rendering occasional services in vacant congregations, and otherwise. The clause of the Constitution, under which Mr. Evans asks admission to the Convention, seems to your committee to contemplate the case of a settled and regular employment, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and therefore, that Mr. Evans having only been occasionally and at uncertain intervals occupied, his case is not covered by the Constitution, and he is not consequently, entitled to a seat in this body.

S. BOWMAN, *Chairman*,  
 KINGSTON GODDARD.

The Standing Committee presented the following report :

The Standing Committee herewith present the Articles of Association of Trinity Church, Locke's Mills, Mifflin Co, and the Articles of Association

of St. James Church, Susquehanna Co., and report that the first named Articles of Association are neither signed nor authenticated.

They further report, that they do not approve of the Articles of Association of St. James' Church, because the election of the Vestry are not such as are contemplated in the form of charters recommended by the Convention, and also the application of the funds collected by the corporation are limited to particular enumerated objects.

EDWARD OLMSTED,

*Secretary.*

May 1st, 1856.

On motion, this report was referred to the Committee on Charters.

On motion of Mr. J. C. Cresson, a Committee of Five was appointed to inquire how many Trustees of the General Theological Seminary this Diocese is entitled to, and to nominate the same.

The Bishop appointed Rev. Dr. Hare, Rev. Mr. Wilmer, Messrs. J. C. Cresson, Wm. Welsh and P. McCall.

Rev. Mr. Goddard moved, that \$300 be and is hereby appropriated towards paying the mileage of clergymen, members of this Convention, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the same, *pro rata* according to their actual expense.

Rev. Dr. Ducachet moved, that the next Convention meet on the 2d Tuesday in May, in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

It was moved to amend, by striking out 2d, and putting in 3d.

A division being called for, there were 73 votes for striking out, and 74 against it. Lost.

The resolution of Dr. Ducachet, having been modified so as to read the 4th, instead of the 3d, was then adopted.

It having been stated that St. Andrew's Church

would, at that time, be undergoing repairs, on motion, St. Luke's Church was adopted as the place of meeting, instead of St. Andrew's.

On motion of Mr. F. R. Brunot,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to take such measures as he may deem expedient, to secure in behalf of the members of the Convention, such privileges on the railroads of this and the neighboring States, as are usually accorded to persons so situated, and that he give information thereof in due season to the members.

Rev. Mr. Stone asked leave to withdraw a charter before the house, which, on motion, was granted.

Rev. Mr. Washburn offered the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be, and are hereby tendered to the Rev. Mr. Bean, for his very able discourse of yesterday morning.

*Resolved*, That a copy be requested for publication.

The Rev. B. J. Douglass, having called the attention of the Convention to the provisions of the 14th Canon, "Of supplying vacant congregations," the Rev. Mr. Washburn moved to proceed to the election of the Committee required by said Canon.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Tyng, the resolution was laid on the table.

Rev. Dr. Howe offered the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That this Convention regard with due interest, that great subject which will engage the attention of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at its approaching session, to wit : The feasibility of adopting some measures by which our Church may be enabled to reach more effectually the masses of our population, that are "as sheep having no shepherd," and to attract them to her worship ; and moreover : to dispense her divine and sacred endowments more widely among "those who profess and call themselves Christians."

*Resolved*, That the objects above contemplated, are, in the judgment of this Convention, most desirable in themselves ; that they appeal to the liveliest sympathies of the Christian heart, and that their grave considera-

tion, by the chief council of our Church, will be an omen of present and prospective good.

*Resolved*, That this Convention commend these objects to the earnest thought, the enlarged charity, and conservative prudence of their Rt. Rev. Fathers, and their brethren, clerical and lay, under whose contemplation they may be brought for legislative action, and invoke upon them the blessing and guidance of the Great Head of the Church.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Franklin, the Secretary was directed to communicate the above resolution to the General Convention.

The order of the day being called for, the Secretary read the several amendments proposed to be made to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

The amendment proposed in the 2d Article was, on motion of Mr. G. M. Wharton, approved of.

The proposed amendment to Article V. being under consideration,

Mr. G. M. Wharton moved, that the Convention approve of said alteration.

Judge Burnside moved to postpone the subject until the next year.

On motion of Dr. Ducachet, the whole subject of the amendments to the 5th Article, be laid on the table.

The amendment to Article VI. being read,

Dr. Ducachet moved to approve of the proposed alteration.

Rev. Mr. Washburn moved to lay this resolution on the table, which was not agreed to, when the resolution of Dr. Ducachet was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Maxwell, from the Committee on Claims, made the following report :

The Committee on Charters have had before them the Charters of Incorporation of Christ's Church, Coudersport, and of St. Peter's, Plymouth, and the Articles of Association of St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, which, upon examination, they find to be conformed to the Canons and Constitution of this Church. They therefore submit the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the aforesaid Churches be, and the same are hereby received into union with this Convention.

J. GORDON MAXWELL, *Chairman*.

The resolution was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Maxwell offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That provision be made whereby Lay Deputies to this Convention may avail themselves of the privilege of mileage, *pro rata*, as at present extended to the clergy.

On motion of Judge Burnside, this resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Wm. Welsh, it was

*Resolved*, that 750 copies of the Journal be printed.

*Resolved*, That the travelling and other incidental expenses of the Bishop during his episcopal visitation be paid for the ensuing year out of the Convention Fund.

On motion of Mr. Schrack,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Wardens and Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, for the use of their church by the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Franklin offered the following resolution, which was lost :

*Resolved*, as the sense of this Convention, that the Standing Committee is not required to report every departure of a Church Charter from the form recommended by this Convention, unless said departure fails to conform to "the essential principles of the Church as regards doctrine, discipline, and worship."

Mr. Cresson, from the Committee on the Trustees of the General Convention, made the following report :

The Committee to whom was referred the question relating to the number of trustees of the General Theological Seminary to which this Diocese is



entitled, and to nominate persons to act in that capacity, respectfully report,

That by the Constitution of the General Theological Seminary, the Diocese is entitled to one trustee for the Diocese, to one additional trustee for every eight clergyman in the same, and to one additional trustee for every two thousand dollars contributed in the same to the funds of the Seminary, until the sum amount to ten thousand dollars, and one additional trustee for every ten thousand dollars of contributions exceeding that sum.

The trustees are to be nominated by this Convention to the General Convention, which may confirm or reject such nominations.

According to the ratio of one trustee for every eight clergymen, this Diocese is entitled to twenty trustees. The amount of contributions in this Diocese to the funds of the Seminary, as reported at the last meeting of the General Convention, was between twelve and thirteen thousand dollars, entitling the Diocese to five trustees on that amount. The amount of Kohne legacy being ninety thousand dollars, would entitle the Diocese to nine additional trustees, making in all the number of thirty-five trustees from this Diocese.

The Diocese of South Carolina has claimed the right to nominate trustees on account of this legacy, on the ground that Mr. Kohne was domiciled in that state. This claim has not been acquiesced in by this Diocese. Your committee have not therefore felt authorized to deviate from the action of the Convention at its session of 1853, which nominated nine trustees for the Kohne Legacy. But they have understood that an arrangement had been proposed by the Diocese of South Carolina to compromise the question, by allowing that Diocese to nominate four, and this Diocese five of the trustees. The committee think that this may be left to the wisdom of the General Convention, who will take such action in the matter as they may think proper.

The following thirty-five names are presented to the Convention :

Rev. Levi Bull, D.D.,  
 “ H. H. Bean,  
 “ E. Y. Buchanan,  
 “ C. D. Cooper,  
 “ Benjamin Dorr, D.D.,  
 “ H. W. Ducachet, D.D.,  
 “ Kingston Goddard,  
 “ M. A. De Wolfe Howe, D.D.,  
 “ H. J. Morton, D.D.,  
 “ G. W. Natt,  
 “ Wm. H. Odenheimer,

Rev. John Rodney,  
 “ Wm. Suddards,  
 “ Wm. Bacon Stevens, D.D.,  
 “ Henry Tullidge,  
 “ R. S. Trapier,  
 “ J. P. B. Wilmer,  
 “ G. Emlen Hare, D.D.,  
 Mr. Horace Binney, Jr.,  
 “ Alexander Brown,  
 “ Herman Cope,  
 “ A. L. Hays,



Hon. Hopewell Hepburn,  
 Mr. Thomas Robins,  
 “ James S. Smith,  
 “ Tobias Wagner,  
 “ Benjamin Gerhard,  
 Hon. George M. Stroud,

Mr. John W. Kester,  
 “ John R. Wilmer,  
 “ George L. Harrison,  
 “ E. Owen Parry,  
 “ John Clayton,  
 “ Edward Olmsted.

*Signed,*

G. EMLÉN HARE,  
 J. P. B. WILMER,  
 JOHN C. CRESSON  
 WM. WELSH,  
 P. McCALL.

On motion, the Report was accepted, and the nominations ratified.

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Thursday, 5 o'clock, P. M.

Convention reassembled.

The Rev. Dr. Bowman's resolution, together with the resolution of the Rev. Dr. Newton, being under consideration, the Rev. Dr. Stevens moved the following, as a substitute for the whole :

*Resolved*, That a Committee of — be appointed by the Bishop, whose duty it shall be in conference with the Bishop, to ascertain what measures can be taken which shall be both feasible and expedient for the more vigorous and united prosecution of the work of Missions in this Diocese, and to report to the next Annual Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Miles moved to lay this substitute on the table. The vote by ayes and nays being called for, it resulted as follows, and the motion was lost :

## AYES—CLERGY.

Rev. Mr. Atkins,	Rev. Mr. Mendenhall,
“ “ Bean,	“ “ Miles,
“ “ Beatty,	“ “ Miller,
“ “ Bowers,	“ “ Mintzer,
“ “ Buchanan,	“ “ Murphy,
“ Dr. Bull,	“ Dr. Newton,
“ Mr. Byllesby,	“ Mr. Wm. Newton,
“ Dr. Dorr,	“ “ Page,
“ Mr. B. J. Douglass,	“ “ Perkins,
“ “ Goddard,	“ “ Quick,
“ “ Green,	“ “ G. B. Rees,
“ “ George Hall,	“ “ Reynolds,
“ Dr. Hare,	“ “ Rudderow,
“ Mr. Hirst,	“ “ Thomson,
“ “ Huntington,	“ “ Tullidge,
“ “ Knight,	“ “ Tyng,
“ “ Lycett,	“ “ Wilcoxon,
“ “ Maxwell,	“ “ Winchester,
Rev. Mr. Woods.	

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## AYES—LAITY.

Mr. F. K. Brunot,	Mr. George Remson,
“ Levi B. Smith,	“ Geo. M. Stroud,
Dr. Edward Crandel,	“ James S. McCalla,
Mr. Wm. Alexander,	“ Charles E. Lex,
“ A. Thomas,	“ James M. Campbell,
“ Thomas K. Bull,	“ Adam Moffitt,
“ Henry Walley,	“ Geo. W. Vaughan,
“ J. B. McKeever,	“ Matthew McPaul,
“ N. B. Bowman.	“ Edward C. Graeff,
“ Thomas Rogers,	“ A. G. Coursault,
“ J. S. Osterhout,	“ J. K. Lambdin,
“ John McKeay,	“ Charles L. Scott,
“ Peter McCall,	“ B. G. Godfrey,
“ James S. Smith,	“ Franklin Bacon,
“ John Welsh,	“ Richard Henry Lee,
“ R. G. Stotesbury,	“ Cornelius Stevenson,
“ Jay Cooke,	“ Pierce Butler,
“ Thomas H. Powers,	“ Isaac S. Reed,
“ John C. Cresson,	“ Agustus Heaton,
“ Wm. C. Houston,	“ George R. Blakiston,
“ Abel Reed,	
“ Anthony Miskey,	

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## NAYS—CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter,  
 Rev. Mr. Allen,  
 “ “ Bonnar,  
 “ “ J. A. Bowman,  
 “ Dr. Bowman,  
 “ Mr. Christman,  
 “ Dr. Clay,  
 “ Mr. Cooley,  
 “ “ Cooper,  
 “ “ Crumpton,  
 “ “ De Wolfe,  
 “ “ Diehl,  
 “ “ J. M. Douglass,  
 “ “ Duane,  
 “ Dr. Ducachet,  
 “ Mr. G. A. Durborow,  
 “ “ S. Durborow,  
 “ “ Durlin,  
 “ “ Elsegood,  
 “ “ Field,  
 “ “ Franklin,  
 “ “ Hilton,  
 “ Dr. Howe,  
 “ “ Killikelly,  
 “ Mr. Kirke,  
 “ “ Leaf,

Rev. Mr. E. M. Lightner,  
 “ “ M. C. Lightner,  
 “ “ Long,  
 “ “ Lundy,  
 “ “ Morss,  
 “ Dr. Morton,  
 “ Mr. Natt,  
 “ “ Odenheimer,  
 “ “ Oliver,  
 “ “ Paddock,  
 “ “ Prior,  
 “ “ Robins,  
 “ “ Rodney,  
 “ “ Russell,  
 “ “ J. B. Smith,  
 “ “ R. Smith,  
 “ “ Spackman,  
 “ Dr. Stevens,  
 “ Mr. Stone,  
 “ “ Suddards,  
 “ “ Van Pelt,  
 “ Dr. Vaughan,  
 “ Mr. Washburn,  
 “ “ White,  
 “ “ Wilmer,  
 “ “ Yarnall,

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## NAYS—LAITY.

Mr. J. L. Stichter,  
 “ E. Brooke,  
 “ Wm. Elmsley,  
 “ Wm. Stavely,  
 “ E. Mitchell Cornel,  
 “ Wm. H. Sayre,  
 “ Dendy Sharwood,  
 “ Franklin Smith,  
 “ R. S. Smith,  
 “ Geo. W. Starr,  
 “ John W. Carl,  
 “ J. G. Thackara,  
 “ Charles Warfel,  
 “ Isaac Diller,  
 “ Theophilus Fenn,

Mr. J. R. Wilmer,  
 “ R. M. Moore,  
 “ Wm. Letford,  
 “ E. G. Whitman,  
 “ Francis Wharton,  
 “ J. S. Miller,  
 “ Thomas Kane,  
 “ Benj. Whittington,  
 “ John McCullen,  
 “ Henry L. Gaw,  
 “ Wm. Ridings,  
 “ Samuel Wagner,  
 “ R. Ralston,  
 “ John Cook,  
 “ Charles R. King,

Mr E. W. Sturdivant,  
 " R. E. Hobart,  
 " Isaac Hazlehurst,  
 " Peter Baldy, Sr.  
 " James C. Booth,  
 " G. M. Wharton,  
 " Joseph Cabot,  
 " Ellis Yarnall,  
 " Thomas Robins,  
 " John Bohlen,  
 " Herman Cope,  
 " Marshall Hill,  
 " M. Russell Thayer,  
 " Wm. Welsh,  
 " J. W. Kester,

Mr. John Clayton,  
 " John C. Mitchell,  
 " Samuel Thomas,  
 " E. S. Buckley,  
 " Jacob Morrison,  
 " T. H. Montgomery,  
 " C. M. Peterson,  
 " E. G. Parry,  
 " Charles M. Hill,  
 " R. H. Coryell,  
 " Z. H. Russell,  
 " J. H. Kuhns,  
 " Tinsley Jeter,

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Total, 110

The question recurring on the adoption of the substitute proposed by Dr. Stevens, the vote, by orders, was called for, and was as follows:

## AYES—CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter,  
 Rev. Mr. Allen,  
 " " Atkins,  
 " " Bean,  
 " " Bowers,  
 " " Buchanan,  
 " Dr. Bull,  
 " Mr. Byllesby,  
 " " Cooper,  
 " " Crumpton,  
 " " B. J. Douglass,  
 " " J. M. Douglass,  
 " " Duane,  
 " " Elsegood,  
 " " Goddard,  
 " " Green,  
 " " George Hall,  
 " " R. D. Hall,  
 " Dr. Hare,  
 " Mr. Hilton,  
 " " Hirst,  
 " " Huntington,  
 " " Kirke,  
 " " Maxwell,

Rev. Mr. Mendenhall,  
 " " Miles,  
 " " Mintzer,  
 " Dr. Newton,  
 " Mr. William Newton,  
 " " Odenheimer,  
 " " Oliver,  
 " " Paddock,  
 " " Page,  
 " " Perkins,  
 " " Quick,  
 " " G. B. Rees,  
 " " Reynolds,  
 " " Rodney,  
 " " Rudderow,  
 " " R. Smith,  
 " Dr. Stevens,  
 " Mr. Tullidge,  
 " " Tyng,  
 " Dr. Vaughan,  
 " " Wilcoxson,  
 " " Winchester,  
 " " Wood,  
 " " Wright.

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## AYES—CHURCHES.

St. James', Pittsburg,	St. Andrew's, "
Trinity, Centreville,	Grace, "
St. Matthew's, Pike,	Epiphany, "
Grace, Hulmeville,	Atonement, "
St. Paul's, Doylestown,	Advent, "
St. Peter's, Great Valley,	St. Matthew's, "
St. Mary's, Warwick,	Nativity, "
St. Paul's, West Whiteland,	Emmanuel, "
St. Peter's, Phoenixville,	Messiah, "
St. Paul's, Chester,	Zion, "
St. Paul's, Erie,	Evangelists, "
Christ, Brownsville,	All Saints, "
Trinity, Connelville,	Christ, Germantown,
St. Peter's, Blairsville,	Trinity, Oxford,
St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre,	All Saints, Lower Dublin,
St. John's, Norristown,	St. Mark's Frankford,
Christ, Pottstown,	Saviour, West Philadelphia,
Christ, Philadelphia,	Trinity, Washington,
St. Paul's, "	Grace, Honesdale. 38.

## NAYS—CLERGY.

Rev. Mr. Beatty,	Rev. Mr. Leaf,
" " Bonnar,	" " M. C. Lightner,
" " J. A. Bowman,	" " Miller,
" Dr. Bowman,	" Dr. Morton,
" " Clay,	" Mr. Murphy,
" Mr. Cooley,	" " Prior,
" " De Wolfe,	" " Robins,
" " Diehl,	" " Russell,
" Dr. Dorr,	" " J. B. Smith,
" " Ducachet,	" " Spackman,
" Mr. G. A. Durborow,	" " Stone,
" " S. Durborow,	" " Suddards,
" " Durlin,	" " Thomson,
" " Field,	" " Van Pelt,
" Dr. Howe,	" " Washburn,
" " Killikelly,	" " Wilmer,
" Mr. Knight,	" " Yarnall. 34.

## NAYS—CHURCHES.

Christ, Reading,	Mediator, "
St. Michael's, Birdsboro',	St. John's, Northern Liberties,
St. Martin's, Marcus Hook,	Redemption, Spring Garden,

Calvary, Roeksdale,  
 St. James', Lancaster,  
 St. John's, "  
 Christ, Danville,  
 St. Peter's, Philadelphia,  
 St. James', "  
 Aseension, "  
 St. Luke's, "  
 St. Mark's, "

St. Jude's, Philadelphia,  
 Trinity, "  
 St. David's, Manayunk,  
 St. James the Less,  
 St. James', Kingsessing,  
 Saviour, Moyamensing,  
 Trinity, Pottsville,  
 St. James', Schuylkill Haven.

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So the substitute was adopted.

The Convention having, by vote, designated seven as the number of which the Committee should consist, the Bishop appointed the following as that Committee :

Rev. Dr. Stevens,  
 " " Bowman,  
 " Mr. Wilmer,

Thomas Robins,  
 William Welsh,  
 John C. Cresson,  
 James E. Booth.

On motion of Dr. Ducachet, the Bishop was added to the Committee.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Hare, and adopted, that the preamble and resolutions of Dr. Bowman be referred to the special attention of the Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Maxwell made the following report :

The Committee on Charters report that the Articles of Association of Trinity Church, Lock, Mifflin Co., which were referred to it, are neither signed nor authenticated in any way ; and, therefore, this Committee cannot recommend any action to be taken on them.

J. GORDON MAXWELL, *Chairman.*

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Maxwell, permission was given to the Rev. Mr. Franklin to withdraw the Charter of the Church of the Holy Apostles.

On motion of Dr. Ducachet, it was

*Resolved*, That after reading the rough minutes, and the usual devotional exercises, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.



The minutes were then read and confirmed.

The 27th hymn was sung; and, after prayers and the benediction of the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

WILLIAM BACON STEVENS, *Secretary*.



## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Philadelphia.

Up to this date, in *preaching, lecturing, &c.*, I have officiated on 232 occasions. I have officiated or assisted in the services of the church, when I have not preached or lectured, on 12 occasions. I have administered or assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper on 11 occasions. Baptized 32 persons. Married 20 couples. Officiated at 44 funerals.

During the year up to March 12th, my pastoral visits have been 688—of that number 664 to the sick and afflicted; also I have conversed and prayed with individuals in my house on 85 occasions.

I have distributed a few Bibles and Prayer Books, and 56,164 pages of Tracts, in which is included 29,477 pages of the Tract, "Morning and Evening Prayers for Children and Youth," &c. I have been instrumental in circulating a few volumes on experimental and practical religion, and 8343 parts of religious periodicals, at a low price or gratuitously.

My monthly appointments at the Widow's Asylum, and at the Seamen's Home, also my weekly appointments at the Magdalen Asylum, and at my house, are continued. At the request of the managers of the Foster Home, I have recently commenced an additional weekly service. By present arrangements, &c., I shall preach or lecture on five or six occasions each week.

My poor's purse, &c., has been the means of imparting relief to the poor and afflicted on 282 occasions. When I impart pecuniary aid for the body, I endeavour to accompany the gift with the truth of the gospel, and with prayer.

Report of the Rev. A. B. Atkins, Rector of Christ Church, Germantown,  
Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 121; baptisms, adults 4, infants 39, total 43; confirmed 33; communicants, added 74, died or removed 12, present number 177; marriages 3; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 101, other days 41, total 142; children catechized 240, times 12; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 12, pupils 128; female 1, teachers 13, pupils 189; infant 1, teacher 1, pupils 103; total, schools 3, teachers 25, pupils 317; Bible class 1, members 11, teacher 1; collections, Episcopal Fund \$35, Convention Fund \$15, Communion alms \$282 97, Episcopal Hospital \$35, furnishing church \$194 50, repairing church roof, injured by the tornado of April 12th, \$234 32, weekly collection for incidental church expenses \$394 21, Norfolk and Portsmouth sufferers \$110 50, for Sunday-school library and other parish objects \$166 90, Domestic and Foreign Missions \$585 25, contributions to missions by Sunday-school \$485, Diocesan Missionary Society \$169 14, whole amount given for missionary purposes \$1239 39, total \$2707 79. Salary of the Rector, \$1500, paid punctually.

Report of the Rev. Henry B. Bartow, Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol,  
Bucks Co.

Congregation, families 85; baptisms, adults 2, infants 17, total 19; confirmed 6; communicants, added 10, died or removed 17, present number 110; marriages 5; burials 14; public services, Sundays 100, the holy days relating to Christ and weekly lecture, about ten months; Sunday-school 1, teachers 12, pupils 110; infant 1, teacher 1, pupils 35; Bible class 1, teacher 1, pupils 8; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Communion alms \$42 35, Norfolk relief offering \$53, Philadelphia Episcopal Hospital \$23 25, Evangelical Knowledge Society \$7 08, Foreign Missions (\$25 Sunday-school offering) \$60, Domestic Missions \$11 08, church expenses \$121 55, total \$318 31; amount subscribed (chiefly) in the parish for a new church \$5950, Ladies' Sewing Society for do. \$450, total \$6718 31. Salary, \$750, all paid.

A lot adjoining the churchyard has just been purchased, which, when added, will form a large and beautiful burial-ground, several acres in dimensions. A debt of \$1600 has been incurred in the purchase of the new lot above mentioned, but the sale of burial plots will, it is thought, soon cover it. It has been determined by the vestry not to begin building the new church, until the subscription list has reached \$7000.

Acknowledgments are due to several individual instances of liberality in New York and Philadelphia, and to a member of a neighboring parish. To the Father of mercies be the praise.

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Report of the Rev. Henry H. Bean, Rector of St. Stephen's Church,  
Harrisburg.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 9, total 10 ; communicants, added 4, deceased 1, withdrawn or removed 3, present number 74 ; burials 3 ; public services, on Sundays 100, on other days 30, total 130 ; Sunday-schools 2, teachers 12, pupils about 90 ; collections, Domestic Missions \$57 47, Foreign Missions \$33 43, Episcopal Fund \$17 15, Convention Fund \$12, other purposes \$1401 10, total \$1521 15.

Property, other than the church building and lot, owned by the parish, a parsonage and lot ; amount of indebtedness of the church, about \$300 ; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$800 ; arrears of salary \$45 50.

The parsonage, a contract for which had been made, as mentioned in my last report, has been completed. It is a neat, comfortable, and commodious building, admirably adapted for the purposes for which it was erected. It has been occupied by the rector and his family since the 24th of last December. The whole property, including the lot, fences, pavements, gas fixtures, &c., cost about \$5200. Of this sum \$4825 have been paid, leaving the sum of \$375 still due. To liquidate this, there is a legacy of \$200 which we expect shortly to receive, and \$75 in hand and on subscription, which leaves a debt of only \$100 on the whole property. For our success in this enterprise we are indebted mainly to the ladies of the congregation, who, by their praiseworthy energy and zeal, have raised the sum of \$3000. The temporal condition of this parish is now, by the completion of this work, in a high degree satisfactory, and the situation of the rector is made comfortable.

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Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' Church, Lower  
Dublin, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adult 1, infant 22, total 23 ; communicants, added 10, died and removed 7, present number 72 ; marriages 2 ; Sunday-schools 2 ; public services, on Sunday, every morning, at All Saints', in the afternoon, at the Chapel at Oak Grove. During Lent one service each week at All Saints', also, prayers every Friday afternoon at the same place, during several months. For about seven months, ser-

vice every Thursday evening at the Chapel. I have held a large number of services at the houses of several of my parishioners.

Collections, Episcopal Fund \$25 87, Domestic Missions \$51 36, Diocesan Missions \$48, Episcopal Hospital \$30, Foreign Missions \$15, Prayer-Book Society \$15, Norfolk sufferers \$76, aid for a Church in the West \$20, for Church at Oberlin \$25, Church for Seamen at the port of Philadelphia \$33 50, for Church Library and Sunday-school at All Saints' \$55, Bible Society \$6, collections at All Saints for Church Fund \$314 29, Subscription to Building Fund \$3128 92, Convention Fund \$10, Subscription for Salary for Organist \$105, total \$3944 12.

Our new church was consecrated in May, by the Bishop of the Diocese. The graveyard has been enclosed by a substantial stone wall on three sides, and in front by a neat iron railing.

The salary of the rector is \$1000, and it is most punctually paid. During the year I have received many kind and generous testimonials of affection from my congregation, which I cannot refer to without emotions of great love and gratitude.

The services on Sunday and other occasions are well attended. I have other reasons for the hope that we are increasing in spiritual prosperity.

The collections at the Chapel, for current expenses, have been \$72 48.

Report of the Rev. A. Beatty, Rector of Trinity Church, Carbondale,  
Luzerne County.

Congregation, families and parts of families 52, adults 102, children 53, total 155; baptisms, infants 8; confirmed 6; communicants, added 8, removed 7, present number 39; marriages 5; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 95, other days 12, total 107; children catechized monthly; Sunday-school 1, teachers 9, pupils 70; Bible classes 2, pupils 22; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Christmas Fund \$8, Church Building \$6, Domestic Missions (through Missionary Association for the West) \$10, Foreign Missions \$10, Communion alms \$32 30, Parish purposes \$28, total \$99 30. To this may be added about \$175, which the Ladies' Sewing Society has collected for the purchase of an organ.

The property, other than the church building and lot, owned by the parish, is a lot adjoining, on which, during the year, a neat and convenient parsonage has been erected, at a cost of \$900. The debt on the parsonage is \$196 50, for the removal of which, and for the purchase of a bell, subscriptions have been received, amounting to \$240.



The amount of salary which the clergyman is entitled to receive from the parish is \$450 per annum; arrears of salary \$200 50.

During the last few months we have received an addition of several families to our congregation, which is now in a more hopeful condition than it has been since the present rector took charge of it. In Dundaff, which formerly belonged to this parish, a church was organized in November last, and the Rev. John A. Jerome has taken charge of it.

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Report of the Rev. James Bonnar, B.D.

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Bishop of Pennsylvania, that since the date of his last report, he has been officiating as Assistant to the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

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Report of the Rev. William V. Bowers, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, and Trinity Church, Locke's Mills, Mifflin County.

**ST. MARK'S CHURCH, LEWISTOWN.**—Congregation, families 22, adults 52, children 37, total 89; baptisms, adult 1, infants 6, total 7; communicants, added 6, died or removed 2, present number 27; marriages 4; burials 3; public services, on Sundays, twice every other Sunday, 52, on other days 55, total 107; children catechized or addressed frequently. The rector visits the Sunday-school every Sunday, and usually closes it. Sunday-school 1, male and female; teachers, male 6, female 9, pupils 84; collections, Diocesan Missionary Society \$25, Foreign Missions \$10, Convention Fund \$6 50, Episcopal Fund \$5, for other objects of benevolence \$21; for repairs and other expenses of the church there have been expended \$300, total \$367 50.

Property other than the church building, a parsonage and a cemetery. Amount of indebtedness on the parsonage \$700. The amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive (with \$200 from the Diocesan Missionary Society) \$700; of this sum \$250 are paid for services at Trinity Church, Locke's Mills.

The rector has visited the town of Huntingdon 3 times and preached 4 times, administered the Communion twice, admitting one gentleman thereto for the first time, and baptized 8 children. The different families of this parish have been visited, and they express an earnest desire for the services of the church among them, of which they have been deprived for about two years.

**TRINITY CHURCH, LOCKE'S MILLS.**—Families 4; communicants 4; services, on every other Sunday twice, 52. The attendance pretty good of persons of all the denominations in the neighborhood. Sun-

day-school, (which was suspended during the winter,) teachers last year 6, pupils 25. Property other than church building and lot, none.

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Report of the Rev. John A. Bowman, officiating at St. Paul's Church, Erie.

Congregation, families 98, adults 309, children 261, total 570; baptisms, adults 4, infants 14, total 18; confirmed 15; communiceants, added 31, died and removed 9, present number 124; marriages 6; burials 9; public services, on Sundays (since July 22, 1855) 80, other days 36, total 116; children catechized, 3 times before the congregation, and repeatedly in the Sunday-school; Sunday-school 1, male teachers 6, female teachers 8, male scholars 41, female scholars 34, total teachers 14, total scholars 75; collection, Convention Fund \$15 36. Clergyman's salary, \$800, paid punctually.

The parish is increasing both in numbers and in the zeal and interest in the services of the church, and nothing but the unsettled and vexed question of the Charter prevents it from being very prosperous.

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Report of Rev. S. Bowman, D.D., Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 13, total 16; confirmations 9; marriages 8; communicants 169, added 14, died or removed 29, present number 140, of the removals, 13 were to St. John's (Free) Church; burials 16; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 40, total 144; children catechized monthly; collections, Episcopal Fund \$24 56, Christmas Fund \$31 75, for feeble Churches \$28, Society for Advancement of Christianity \$21 75, Convention Fund \$27 84, Monthly Offerings \$125 38, from Sunday-school, for African Mission \$54 37, total \$313 65.

The Sunday-schools continue much as last year—there are about 130 children, under 14 teachers. There is one Bible Class.

Our Monthly Offerings are divided between the Society for Advancement of Christianity, and the Domestic and Foreign Committees of Missions.

In regard to our Parochial Schools, Orphan Asylum, and the property, income, and expenditure of the church, no material change has taken place since last report. The Vestry of St. James continue to pay \$150 per annum toward the support of St. John's (Free) Church.

A detailed report will be made from St. John's Church, by my assistant there. I am happy to say, however, that every thing is going successfully forward, and that we confidently trust now, that in a very

short time, the remainder of the debt will be paid in full. For the early accomplishment of this most desirable object, we are largely indebted to the unsolicited aid of a reverend brother in a neighboring diocese.

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Report of the Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, Philadelphia.

Families 46, including 9 which are here during only a part of the year; baptisms, adults 3, children 8, total 11; confirmed 12; communicants, added 29, (including 14 from the 9 families just alluded to,) died or removed 3, present number 44; marriages 2; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 60, other days 9, total 69; children catechized once a month during the greater part of the year; Sunday-school 1, teachers 5, pupils 50; collections, Episcopal Fund \$10, Convention Fund \$8, Advancement Society (Memorial Church) \$37 48, Church Building in the West \$35, Norfolk and Portsmouth Sufferers \$300, Church Hospital \$57 24, Christmas Fund \$6, Missions, Domestic \$28, Foreign \$17, total \$45, other purposes \$504 83, total \$1003 55.

In addition to these contributions about \$3200 have been subscribed toward the erection of the parsonage house, which is now being built.

The Statistics of the Parish are about the same as last year. The salary, \$800, in addition to a house, is paid quarterly, and could not be more regularly or promptly paid.

Besides the services reported above, I officiated, frequently, during the summer and autumn, on Sunday afternoons, at Jenkintown, Montgomery Co. Indeed, with the assistance of various clerical brethren, procured through the exertions of a zealous layman, our services were performed there uninterruptedly, from the beginning of July till late in the fall; and, on almost every occasion, the attendance was most encouraging. These services were resumed on yesterday (May 4), and will, from this on, be regularly continued. A prosperous parish there, at no distant day, may, I think, be safely anticipated. The place is favored in having near it, during several months of each year, a few families, warmly interested in the project, and having both the ability and the will to promote its success.

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Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, D.D.

I have officiated about 40 times, and besides have officiated at 10 or 12 funerals. I have celebrated 1 marriage. Since September last I have not officiated, except reading the service two or three times.

Report of the Rev. De Witt C. Byllesby, Rector of St. Paul's Church,  
Montrose, Susquehanna County.

Congregation, adults 75, children 30, total 105 ; baptisms, adults 2, infants 8, total 10 ; confirmed 1 ; communicants, added 6, removed 3, present number 33 ; marriages 3 ; burial 1 ; public services, on Sundays 88, other days 62, total 150 ; Sunday-school 1, teachers 7, pupils 36, catechized monthly ; Bible class 1, members 8 ; collections, Convention Fund \$4 50, Protestant Episcopal Hospital \$6, Christmas Fund \$6, Episcopal Missionary Society for the West (including \$13 from Sunday-school) \$25, Diocesan Missionary Society \$25, Foreign Missions (including \$7 from Sunday-school) \$32 80, Collection for Orphans at Norfolk and Portsmouth \$33, other purposes \$83 78, total \$216. Rector's salary paid half-quarterly in advance.

In my last report the hope was expressed that a new church edifice would be erected at no distant day. This has now been commenced, and by the middle of June we hope to have the corner-stone laid. An eligible lot has been obtained, at a cost of \$500, and a plan furnished by Upjohn. The building will be in the pointed style, with a spire 86 feet in height. It is designed to seat about 300 persons, and to cost about \$6000. For a part of this sum we must look to friends abroad.

The condition of the parish, while it affords no ground for boasting, is yet such as to encourage us.

With your consent I resigned the charge of St. Matthew's Church, Pike, into the hands of the Rev. Mr. Hopkins, in June last. Between the last Convention and that event I had held 4 services on Sundays ; 1 had been confirmed. Since that time I have officiated at 1 funeral, by Mr. Hopkins' request.

I also held 4 services in the Parish of St. Mark's, New Milford, and attended at 1 funeral, before the present incumbent took charge. Two services have been held at Cherry, Sullivan Co., and three infants baptized.

Report of the Rev. John A. Childs.

Baptisms, infants 16 ; marriages 5 ; funerals 15 ; public services, prayers 163, sermons 32.

I am still employed as Assistant at St. Luke's Church, Superintendent of the Episcopal Rooms, Agent of the Church Hospital, &c.



Report of the Rev. A. Christman, Rector of Calvary Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 2, children 59, total 61; communicants, added 6, died 1, removed 4, present number 114; marriages 25; burials 32; public services, on Sundays 102, other days 58, total 160; children catechized 180, times 49; Sunday-school 1, teachers 20, pupils 180; collections for maintenance of church, school and other purposes \$1000.

There was no Confirmation in this parish since last Convention, in consequence of the absence of the rector during the past winter. His absence also accounts for the fact of there being a less number of services to report than usual.

I am happy to state, that the mortgage on the lot (30 by 100 feet), belonging to us, adjoining the one on which the church edifice stands, has at length been paid off, through the indefatigable exertions of the "Ladies' Missionary Association" of Christ Church.

The *spire*, which, ever since the church edifice, a MONUMENT TO BISHOP WHITE, was built, has been anxiously looked for, at length surmounts its tower, and is much admired by all who have seen it. It is the gift of the Sunday-schools of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

Calvary Church being now completed, and, together with all that appertains thereto, paid for, we expect to have it consecrated, at the time of the meeting of the General Convention in October.

I may add that the above statistics give as complete a representation of the present condition of this parish, as it is possible to furnish. Both the congregation and the Sunday-school are more or less fluctuating. Hence, it would be difficult to report the precise number of either.

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Report of the Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Rector of Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia.

Families, about 150; baptisms, adults 6, infants 112, total 118; confirmation to be on the 11th inst.; communicants, added 11, died or removed 21, present number 147; marriages 119; burials 57; public services on Sundays 104, other days 50, total 154; children catechized monthly, except the three summer months, "openly in the church;" Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 9, pupils 90, female 1, teachers 14, pupils 163, total schools 2, teachers 23, pupils 253; collections, Episcopal Fund \$10, Convention Fund \$10, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania \$30, missionary and other purposes \$303 07, total \$353 07. The Sunday-schools also raised \$100 for mission purposes. Financial statistics of parish same as last year.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, Delaware County.

This church is believed to be united and growing. The attendance on the services is good. The support of the gospel is unhappily weak. The obstacles to usefulness are a neglect of early religious and church training. Attention is paid to Christian education. The rector assumes the special charge of the Sunday-schools, which are flourishing.

The congregation has suffered a diminution of membership from the connection of many with the associate Church of the Ascension, Claymont, Delaware. All the removals may be credited to this fact.

The church edifice lost its spire in the recent hurricane.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 11, total 14; confirmed 10; communicants, added 14, removed 16, whole number 85; marriages 2; burials 3; contributions, alms \$28 92, Norfolk sufferers \$31 13, Episcopal Hospital \$4 17, Christmas Fund \$3 66, Episcopal Fund \$5, Convention Fund \$5, Domestic Missions \$6 85, Foreign Missions \$9 56, Church Improvement \$100, total \$192 29.

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Report of the Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, (no material change since last report;) baptisms, adults 2, infants 35, total 37; confirmed (in St. Peter's Church) 2; communicants, last report 308, added 11, died 4, removed 21, present number 294; marriages 19, burials 31; public services, on Sundays 112, other days 51, total 163; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 14, pupils 130, female 2, teachers 25, pupils 240; children catechized monthly, "openly in the church;" Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$50; Episcopal and Convention Funds \$41 68; Prayer-Book and Tract Societies \$62, missionary and other purposes \$780 61, total \$934 29.

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Report of the Rev. William C. Cooley, Rector of the Church of our Saviour.

Congregation, families 150, adults 300, children 400, total 700; baptisms, adults 2, infants 105, total 107; communicants, added 25, died or removed 2, present number 85; marriages 7; burials 80; public services, on Sundays 125, other days 125, total 250; children catechized, times 15; Sunday-schools, female 1, teachers 20, pupils 350.

This is emphatically a mission church, and, therefore, it is impossible to report with accuracy as to its permanent congregation. I can say, however, that by the blessing of God upon our humble efforts there has been a steady increase in the number of regular worship-



pers and it is hoped a corresponding increase in spiritual interest and edification. Since the opening of the new church in February last, the growth of the congregation has been more rapid and substantial than was anticipated by the most sanguine friends of the mission. I am especially happy to be able to report this both to justify the vestry for undertaking this good work at the time they did, and to assure the many warm and generous friends of this effort for church extension in the city, that it has proved itself worthy of all that has been done to sustain and further it. It is, indeed, a timely effort, and as such, far more important in its prospective bearing upon the building up of the kingdom of Christ, and the salvation of men, than such small beginnings are generally supposed to be.

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Report of the Rev. Charles D. Cooper, Rector of St. Philip's Church,  
Philadelphia.

Families 260 ; marriages 17 ; baptisms, adults 26, infants 34, total 60 ; confirmed 31 ; burials 27 ; communicants, added 44 ; died or removed 22, present number 352 ; public services, Sundays 104, other days 72, total 175 ; Sunday-schools, teachers and pupils 450 ; Bible classes 3, teachers and members 70 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$100, Convention Fund \$50, Christmas Fund \$50, Norfolk sufferers \$255, missionary and other purposes \$3811 16, total \$4266 16.

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Report of the Rev. George Alexander Crooke, Rector of St. Peter's Church,  
Phoenixville, Chester County.

The above begs to state that he accepted a "call" to the rectorship of this parish last September, and that the congregation had then been much scattered in consequence of their having no stated minister for at least six months. In such a state of affairs much patience was required. It is a pleasure to state that something has been done under the guidance of a gracious Providence, and that the onward prospect, though sometimes darkened by clouds, now wears a more satisfactory and cheering aspect.

The general population here is fluctuating therefore numbers cannot be given with strict accuracy. At present the congregation consists of about 30 families, 80 adults, and 20 children, total 130 ; baptisms, infants 10 ; confirmed none ; communicants 33, of whom 2 have been lately added ; marriages none ; burials 3 ; public services, every Sunday morning, other days 2 ; children catechized in Sunday-school 1 ; teachers 13 ; pupils 100 ; collections, Episcopal Hospital

\$8 18, Society for Advancement of Christianity \$12 25, Church building \$5, Episcopal Fund \$4 65, total \$30 08.

Up to December 2d, in last year, Sunday afternoon services have been held in St. John's Chapel, near Pickering Bridge, but were at that time discontinued, in consequence of the suspension of the Mining Works in that neighborhood. Those interested, or rather those who should have been so, in this neat little chapel, forgot to render me even thanks for my services there.

The salary of the Rector of St. Peter's Church is \$300 per annum, which has been paid with considerable punctuality.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ's Church, in the city and county of Alleghany.

Congregation, uncertain as to number; infants baptized 33; confirmed 7; communicants, added 15, died or removed 10, present number 77; marriages 8; burials 13; public services, on Sundays 102, other days 4; Sunday-school 1; male teachers 3, female teachers 4; male pupils 23, female pupils 39; total, teachers 7; total, pupils 62; collections, for Convention Fund \$10 70; property, &c., same as last report.

Besides the above services, I officiate twice every Sunday in the Western Penitentiary, and visit the prisoners daily through the week, and have an evening service every week in the house of some member of the congregation.

The pecuniary weakness of the congregation makes it necessary to appropriate all our collections to the payment of interest on the church debt.

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Report of the Rev. W. T. Dickinson Dalzell, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

Congregation, in usual attendance 250; baptisms, adults 4, infants 17, total 21; confirmed 8; communicants, added 22, removed 9, total 100; marriages 8; burials 6; public services are held every Sunday morning and afternoon, with an additional service on the 3d Sunday in the month at night, every Wednesday and Friday morning, on all the holy days, the Ember and Rogation days.

Holy baptism is administered after the 2d Lesson, at any service.

Holy communion is administered on the first Sunday in the month, Easter Day, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday, and on every day other than Sunday, for which there is a collect, Epistle and Gospel.

Sunday-school, male, teachers 4, pupils 26, female, teachers 7,

pupils 53, total 79 ; infant department, male, teachers 1, pupils 12, female, teachers 1, pupils 14, total 26 ; total number pupils 105. This school is catechized by the rector in the school room, as a rule, twice every Sunday, in the morning on Scripture History, in the afternoon on the Church Catechism, and publicly in the church after the 2d Lesson of afternoon service, on the 3d Sunday in the month.

Parish-school, the attendance at this school now averages 40 per diem, the sexes being about equally divided. The children of this school are instructed and catechized once a week by the rector, and attend all the holy days, and Wednesday and Friday services in the church ; about a dozen of their number composing a choir for those days.

Collections, for Holy Communion Offertory \$245 85, Domestic Mission \$73 50, Convention Fund \$10, Sufferers at Norfolk and Portsmouth \$64, Church purposes generally \$202 20, total \$595 55.

In addition to the above, \$80 have been expended in the purchase of a font and hangings for pulpit, and reading-desk ; amount raised by subscription in the parish.

Since the meeting of the last Convention, the Rev. F. Ogilby, who was then the rector of this parish, having received a call to be an assistant minister of Trinity parish, New York, accepted it, and resigned his charge here. In September last, the Rev. W. T. D. Dalzell, of Georgia, was called to the charge of the parish and accepted, being now the rector elect.

Report of the Rev. Thomas J. Davis, Rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, infants 8 ; communicants, present number 17 ; burials 9 ; Sunday-schools, male, teachers 1, pupils 15, female 1, teachers 4, pupils 25 ; Bible class, teacher 1.

The condition of this parish has been much improved within the last year. The building of the rectory, then undertaken under the immediate supervision of the rector and wardens, is now being completed, and that within the cost of \$2,000, as was proposed. In model, materials and workmanship, it has received the approval of all concerned. This secures to the rector, free of charge, a very comfortable home in immediate connection with the church.

Report of the Rev. E. De Wolf.

The missionary of Market-Street Mission respectfully reports that during the last conventional year the mission has continued to expe-

rience the gracious gifts of the Great Head of the church. It has quite doubled its communion list, and nearly doubled its number of regular attendants.

That a good, substantial, plain church is greatly demanded by the necessities of this mission cannot be doubted. The plan is that the church should be large enough to render it self-supporting very soon after consecration.

There is a large and good Sunday-school of between three and four hundred scholars with about forty teachers. I have in various ways ministered to more than two hundred families during the past year.

Baptisms, infants 70; confirmed 12; communicants, added 58, died 3, removed and suspended 5, present number 101; marriages 10; burials 38; public services 187.

#### Report of the Rev. William N. Diehl.

During the past year the undersigned has been engaged in forming a congregation in the Odd Fellows Hall, Germantown.

The services held there have been well attended, and the encouragement sufficient to warrant the erection of a church immediately. In all probability, a lot will be secured and a church erected during the present season.

Baptisms, children 4; marriages 2; funerals 3; children catechized monthly; Sunday-school scholars 85, teachers 8; there are several candidates for confirmation; public services, on Sundays, 93; collections, Church Hospital \$16 32, Norfolk sufferers \$8, total \$24 22; salary \$500.

This mission is under the direction of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church, Germantown. The ladies of said church held a fair last winter, the proceeds of which was about \$500. This sum will be appropriated toward the building of the House of God.

#### Report of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families about 200; baptisms, adults 3, infants 33, total 36; confirmed 25; communicants, added 34, died or removed 16, present number on the records 404; marriages 8; burials 28; public services twice each Sunday, on the morning of holy days, daily in Lent, and on Wednesday and Friday during the year; children catechized on the last Sunday afternoon of each month; Bible-classes 2, members 25, teachers 2; Sunday-schools 3, teachers 30, pupils 206; collections, Episcopal and Convention Funds \$147 56, Christmas



Fund \$64 60, Advancement Society \$200, missionary and other strictly charitable purposes \$4216 73, total \$4628 89.

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Report of the Rev. Benjamin J. Douglass, Rector of Christ Church, Towanda, Bradford County.

Congregation, families 50; baptisms, adults 4, infants 4, total 8; confirmed 14; communicants, added 12; died or removed 6, present number 45; marriages 2; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 53, total 157; children catechized monthly; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 4, pupils 30, female 1, teachers 4, pupils 45, infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 20, total, schools 3, teachers 10, pupils 95; Bible-classes 2, members 14, teachers 2; collections, Episcopal Fund \$6 50, Convention Fund \$6 41, Diocesan Missionary Society \$34 39, missionary purposes \$109 33, total, for strictly missionary purposes, \$156 63. Clergyman's salary \$500 and a comfortable and commodious rectory.

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Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of Zion Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 10, total 11; confirmed 3; communicants, died or removed 6, present number 44; marriages 6, burials 10; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 30; children catechized; Sunday-school teachers 4, pupils 60; collections for Episcopal Hospital, and for sufferers in Norfolk, total \$15 50; salary none.

The rector takes pleasure in stating, that an amicable suit was brought by John H. Bringhurst, Esq., Warden, in the Orphans Court of Philadelphia County, respecting a lot intended to be conveyed by the late Benjamin W. Frazier, which suit has been attended with success. A deed for the said lot has been duly executed. Ground has been broken, and preparations have been made for laying the corner-stone of a church edifice. The thanks of the church are due to the family of Benjamin W. Frazier, Esq., for their munificent free-will offering to the Lord. The pastoral visits of the rector, in and out of his parish, have been, in some instances, signally blessed of the Lord.

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Report of the Rev. W. Douglass, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, adults 250, children 80, total 230; communicants 4, died or removed 3, present number 122; marriages 4; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 7, total 111; Sunday-school 1, teachers 8, pupils 60; besides the above services, a lecture is delivered every

Friday evening, excepting the months of July and August. The annual stipend of the clergyman is \$350. During the past year he received from churches and liberal churchmen the sum of \$300 toward increasing his salary, and \$100 toward liquidating the church debt.

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Report of the Rev. G. C. Drake, Rector of St. James, Muncy, Lycoming Co.

Congregation, families 64, adults 128, children 63, total 191; baptisms, infants 3; communicants, added 3, died or removed 6, present number 68; marriages 2; burials 9; public services, on Sundays, 82, other days 23, total 105; children are catechized in the Sunday-school; Sunday-school, male teachers 5, pupils 12, female teachers 5, pupils 18, total, teachers 10, pupils 30; Bible-class, members 10; collections, Episcopal Fund \$3 93, Convention Fund, for 1856, \$9 56, Society for Advancement \$24 54, Parochial purposes \$15 92, Sunday-school \$5 07, Bibles &c. \$4 38; Christmas Fund \$7 23, Epiphany collection \$1 99, church building \$6 62, Domestic Missions \$7 56, Foreign Missions, from Mr. Joseph Gudykunst \$5, total \$92 10.

The property, other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, is a lot 100 by 150 feet on which is erected a parsonage, and another lot for burial purposes of 150 feet front. The church property is unincumbered, and there is no indebtedness of the parish except for arrears due to the rector, which arrears are gradually diminishing. The vestry have resolved to raise \$400 salary in addition to the use of the parsonage. The arrears of salary are not definitely ascertained.

It falls to the lot of the rector to report for the first time two things. First, the parish is now a self-supporting parish. The Society for the Advancement of Christianity has withdrawn its aid. We could have wished its continuance another year until we had completed all our enterprises. But we must submit.

Secondly, we take satisfaction in reporting the parsonage finished. The present report is drawn up under its roof. It is also *paid for*. It has caused an outlay, including the cost of the lot on which it stands, of \$277 75. The ladies have done a noble work. We hope the other sex will do as well in regard to the projected new church. One or two additional subscriptions have been made to this object, and some additional material has been brought on the ground. The vestry are resolved to prosecute the work.

Four families, and some members of other families, have left us to seek homes in the West, and one family has been lately added to our number.



Report of the Rev. Richard B. Duane, Rector of Grace Church, Honesdale, Wayne County.

Congregation, families 74, adults 214, children 121, total 335; baptisms, adults 2, infants 6, total 8; confirmed 5; communicants, added 7, died 2, present number 89; marriages 3; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 98, other days 25, total 123; children catechized 133, times 12; Sunday-school 1, (general,) teachers 16, scholars 133; Bible classes 2, members 20; collections, Convention Fund \$15, Missionary and other purposes, \$755 02, viz: Diocesan Missionary Society \$65, Domestic Missions (through Episcopal Missionary Association for the West,) \$50, Foreign Missions, (of which \$32 18 is from the Sunday-school,) \$82 18, Bishop White's Prayer Book Society \$10, N. E. Convocation Fund \$10, Wayne County Bible Society \$30, American Tract Society \$10, Evangelical Knowledge Society \$18, Parish Sunday-School \$18 74, Communion alms, (of which \$15 to Christmas Fund,) \$111 67, parish purposes, \$349 43, total \$770 02.

The "property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish," is a parsonage. There is no debt upon the parish. The "amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive," is \$1000 per annum, with the use of the parsonage. The salary is not in arrears. In addition to the above sum, the rector received at New Year, the sum of \$100, a present from sundry parishioners. The rector desires gratefully to acknowledge the affectionate care of his people for him.

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D.D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, children 41, adult 1; marriages 16; funerals 28; communicants, (estimated) about 300; confirmed 22; collections and contributions, for the Advancement Society \$1299 07, Christmas Fund \$129 21, Convention Fund \$118 75, Episcopal Fund \$150, Thanksgiving collection \$123 33, Parish-school \$319, Domestic Missions \$525 50, for the sufferers at Norfolk and Portsmouth \$323 23, Church Hospital \$2,900, Seamen's Mission \$575, Dorcas Society \$176, fuel for the poor \$150, total \$6,789 09; for other objects of religion and charity, so far as ascertained, \$5,580 85, *grand total*, (exclusive of communion offerings and parish expenses,) \$12,369 94. The whole amount given for missions \$2,499 57.

The parish (daily) school is in successful operation, and instructs and otherwise provides for the spiritual and the bodily wants of 62 poor children. An *Orphan Asylum* has been established by the liberality of a large-hearted Christian lady, a parishioner of this church, and

contains at this present, 7 female children, with room and accommodations for many more.

The parish owes no debt whatever; and owns property, over and above the church building, and the cemetery adjoining it, as reported in full, in May, 1850, and in May, 1854. (See Journal of 1850, page 96, and Journal of 1854, page 97.)

Since his ordination, on the 13th of February last, the Rev. Samuel B. Seaman has been officiating as the *curate* of this parish, having in charge the care of the schools, and the visitation and relief of the poor, according to the provisions and directions of the ordinal respecting the duties of deacons.

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Report of the Rev. Charles M. Dupuy.

During the past year I have officiated about 60 times, and frequently administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

For several months I officiated at Calvary Church on Sunday mornings, the Rector being absent on account of health.

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Report of the Rev. Samuel Durborow, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 150, adults 350, children 450, total 950; baptisms, adults 22, infants 134, total 156; confirmed 40; communicants, added 86, died or removed 41, present number 160; marriages 19; burials 41; public services, on Sundays 116, other days 52, total 172; children catechized 12 times; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 19, pupils 110; female 1, teachers 12, pupils 150; infant 2, teachers 9, pupils 140; Bible classes 2, members 30; collections, Episcopal Fund \$5, Convention Fund \$5, Society for Advancement of Christianity \$5, Diocesan Missionary Society \$5, Missionary and other purposes \$387 75, total \$407 75; property other than church building and lot, none; amount of indebtedness, none; amount of salary \$600; no arrears.

The parish is in a prosperous state. The present church edifice is entirely too small to accommodate the worshippers, and will shortly be sold. A new edifice will be erected at a cost of \$18,300, the cornerstone of which was laid on the first of May, 1856.

In carrying forward this work to a successful completion, we shall need the warm sympathy, and the hearty co-operation of our sister churches, and we trust they will all come up to the help of the Lord.

Report of the Rev. Joseph I. Elsegood, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton,  
Northampton County.

Baptisms, infants 16; communicants, added 5, died 3, removed 2, present number 61; marriages 3; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 97, on other days 44, total 141; Sunday-school 1, teachers 8, pupils 100; children catechized in the Sunday-school; collections, Christmas Fund \$6 54, Domestic Missions \$6 25, Bishop White Prayer-Book Society \$3, Female Prayer-Book Society \$3 38, Sunday-school \$11 20, Church improvements and other purposes \$377 93, total \$408 30.

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Report of the Rev. Rees C. Evans, Philadelphia.

During the past year, I have held 39 entire public services and preached; administered the Holy Communion once; solemnized one marriage; baptized a sick child, and read the burial-service twice.

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Report of the Rev. George G. Field, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 54, adults 146, children 88, total 234; baptisms, adult 1, infants 3, total 4; communicants, added 6, died or removed 5, present number 73; burials 9; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 74, total 178; Sunday-schools 2, teachers 8; pupils 72; Bible-classes 2, members 10, teachers 2; collections, Convention Fund \$7 01, Christmas Fund \$12 56, Sick in Virginia \$100 97, Church Hospital \$22 17, Domestic Missions \$39 13, Foreign Missions \$21 83, Church building 14 08, for other purposes \$10, total \$287 75. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$550. I regret to say, the salary is not paid with strict punctuality.

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Report of the Rev. George C. Foote, Rector of St. Thomas' Church,  
Whitemarsh, Montgomery County.

Congregation, families 49, adults 130, children 63, total 193; baptisms, adults 2, infants 2, total 4; communicants, added 1, died or removed 1, present number 75; marriage 1; burials 7; public services every Sunday, and all holy days; children catechized every Sunday with few exceptions; Sunday-schools, male, pupils 18, female, teachers 3, pupils 17; Bible-class, members 7; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2, Convention Fund \$1, Society for Advancement of Christianity \$16, missionary and other purposes \$63, total \$82. This amount

does not include the regular Sunday offering for rector's salary, and other parochial purposes.

Property, other than church building and lot, owned by the parish, a parsonage house and parochial school house in process of erection. Amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, nothing. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive, \$600 (\$100 paid by the Society for Advancement of Christianity—to be withdrawn at the end of this year); no arrears.

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Report of the Rev. B. Franklin, Rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 2; congregation, families 30; communicants 34; marriages 2; public services on Sundays, holy days, and Wednesday evenings, from October to May; Sunday-school, teachers 12, scholars 97. Rector's salary \$1200 per annum; not in arrears.

This parish was organized by a body of laymen in December last, and the present Rector entered on his duties in January. From Septuagesima Sunday, (January 20th,) services and the Sunday School have been regularly sustained, in a hall at the Northwest corner of Girard Avenue and Thirteenth Street. The hall will accommodate more than two hundred, and is regularly well filled.

No other congregation is in the immediate neighbourhood, and no part of Philadelphia has stronger claims upon the church, or holds out better prospects of ultimately requiring and sustaining a large and efficient parish. It is proposed, as soon as means sufficient are procured, to erect a church edifice on Broad Street, near its intersection with Girard Avenue.

The originators of this parish, believing that "lively stones" form the surest supports of the church, have begun their work with ample provision for the spiritual building. Although they do not yet see clearly, from whence all the temporal aid they need is coming, yet they see enough to encourage their going forward hopefully, and trust for the rest.

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Report of the Rev. John G. Furey, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna County.

Families in the parish 48, adults 100, children 50; baptisms, adults 2, children 2; confirmed 5; communicants, added 5, present number 60; marriages 3; burial 1; public services on Sundays and other days about 110; children catechized 50, on the first Sunday of each month, whilst the Sunday-school continues to assemble; pupils in Sunday-



school about 60, teachers 10; Bible-class 1, members 12, taught by the rector on Wednesday evening of each week; collections for religious, benevolent and parochial objects \$65; besides which, about \$85 have been raised in the parish to pay off an old debt on the parsonage; total about \$150. Salary \$200, and the use of the parsonage. The parish is in a prosperous condition.

Besides the regular services held in the Parish Church, the rector has officiated about *thirty times*, on Sunday afternoons, in school-houses in the country, when the services have been generally well attended, affording reason to hope that an interest, both in religion and in our church, will be the result. It is purposed to continue those services through the coming year, and we look to the Lord for a blessing on our efforts.

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Report of the Rev. Kingston Goddard, Rector of the Church of the Atone-  
ment, Philadelphia.

Rector's salary, \$2500; punctually paid. Canonical collections duly made. Baptisms, children 22, adults 5, total 27; marriages 8; funerals 14; confirmed 30; communicants over 300; charitable contributions \$2555 07; amount subscribed for church enlargement, &c., \$9500; total \$12,055 07. Sunday-schools 2, male and female; infant schools 2, male and female; Bible-classes 7, 2 male and 5 female classes; number of scholars, male, in Bible-classes 21, in Sunday-school 150, in infant school 80, total male scholars 251, male teachers including superintendent and librarian 18, grand total teachers and scholars in male school 319; female, in Bible-classes 78, in Sunday-school 200, in infant school 130, total in female school 408, female teachers 29, grand total of female teachers and scholars 537, total teachers and scholars 856. There being present at the anniversary of the schools in December 667, to whom books were given, under the care of 50 teachers, including superintendents and librarians.

The church is now being enlarged, an improvement that will give additional accommodation to our Sunday-schools and increase the number of our sittings in the church about 400.

The Dorcas Society, as heretofore, has been greatly useful in relieving the wants of our neighbouring poor. Under God's blessing the church, generally, is prosperous, both temporally and spiritually; the praise of which is due to God alone, for the rector feels that it is not, in any measure, due to him.

Report of the Rev. James B. Goodwin, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Ohio Township, and Georgetown Church, Georgetown, Beaver County.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, OHIO TOWNSHIP.—Communicants, died 2, present number 39 ; burials 2.

GEORGETOWN CHURCH, GEORGETOWN.—Baptisms, infants 5 ; communicants, added 1, present number 22 ; burial 1 ; marriage 1 ; public services, on Sundays 45. Amount of salary \$75.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas L. Green, Rector of St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, Chester County.

Congregation, families and parts of families 29, adults 29, children 56, total 108 ; communicants, added 1, present number 24 ; burials 2 ; public services, on Sundays 63, other days 3 ; children catechized 5 times ; Sunday-school, males 27, teacher 1, pupils 26 ; females 34, teachers 6, pupils 28, total 63 ; collections, Convention Fund \$3, Church Hospital \$4. No property, other than the church building and lot, owned by the parish.

The rector's salary is a house for the use of his family, and \$300, which is very satisfactorily paid.

During the year, the church was presented with a chandelier, which enables us to have Divine service at night.

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Report of the Rev. W. R. Gries, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, and Trinity Church, Centreville, Bucks County.

I accepted a call to these parishes on the 15th November, 1855, and have since officiated at Doylestown every Sunday morning, and twice a month on Sunday evenings ; on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Ascension mornings ; every Wednesday and Friday afternoon in Lent ; twice a day, morning and evening, in Passion Week ; and, since Easter, on Friday afternoons

In Centreville, every Sunday afternoon, and at Centre Hill, near the Delaware River, once a month, on Sunday evening.

Before I took charge, and after the resignation of the former rector, services were kept up by such supplies as could, from time to time, be procured.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, DOYLESTOWN.—Congregation, families 26, adults 56, children 40, total 96 ; communicants, added 3, present number 11 ; baptisms, infants 3 ; marriage 1 ; burial 1 ; Sunday-school 1, teachers 7, pupils 57 ; children catechized in the Sunday-school ; ser-



vices, Sundays 35, week days 28; collections, organ \$280, Sunday-school \$15, Easter collection \$7, Convention Fund \$3 62. Indebtedness, temporary addition, \$230; whole amount \$600.

The basement of the church has just been finished as a Sunday-school and lecture-room.

TRINITY CHURCH, CENTREVILLE.—Congregation, families 15, adults 40, children 30, total 70; communicants 14; burial 1; Sunday-school 1, teachers 6, pupils 56; services, Sundays 20.

MISSIONARY STATION AT CENTRE HILL.—Congregation, about 50; Sunday-school 1, teachers 2, pupils 60; services, Sundays 2.

Salary (with aid from the Diocesan Missionary Society) \$600; no arrears.

Report of the Rev. George Hall, Rector of Trinity Church, Washington, Washington County, from 1st October, 1855.

Congregation, families and parts of families 38; baptisms, adult 1, infant 1, total 2; confirmations 6; communicants, added 13, removed 4, died 1, present number 25; marriages 2; burials 2; public services, twice on the Sunday, other days 3 times, and once every week; Sunday-school, teachers 10, scholars between 40 and 50; collections, Norfolk sufferers \$5, for use of Sunday-school \$5, Foreign Missions \$8 80, Diocesan Missions \$5, Convention Fund \$3 30, parish purposes \$175 50, total \$202 60. There is no debt.

Report of Rev. R. D. Hall, Chaplain of the Protestant Episcopal Hospital.

Service and sermons on 50 occasions; burials 3; and assisted clerical brethren on 3 occasions.

Report of Rev. G. Emlen Hare, D.D., Rector, and the Rev. H. S. Spackman, Assistant Minister, of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia.

Congregation, adults and children about 200; baptisms, adult 1, infants 6, total 7; confirmed 4; communicants, added 7, died or removed 8, present number 77; marriages 4; burials 12; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 14, total 118; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 3, pupils 44, female 1, teachers 5, pupils 40, infant school 1, teacher 1, pupils 84, total schools 3, teachers 9, pupils 168; Bible-classes 3, teachers 3, pupils 30; collections, Episcopal Fund \$4 67, Convention Fund \$10, Diocesan Missionary Society \$10, missionary and other purposes \$160 18, total \$184 87; Communion alms \$48 60.

Property, other than the church building and lot, owned by the parish, a burial-ground ; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish \$150, due by mortgage on the burial-ground ; amount of salaries the clergymen are entitled to receive, Rector \$300, Assistant Minister \$400 ; no arrears.

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Report of the Rev. John B. Henry, Deacon, Assistant to the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

Since my ordination, on Ascension Day, 1855, I have baptized 14 infants, married 3 couples, and attended 7 funerals ; all of which (with the exception of 5 children baptized at All Saints' Church) being recorded in the books of the parish, are included in the report of the rector of the same.

Either in part or in whole, I have read service 218 times, preached 37 times, lectured 9 times, and assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion 18 times, twice being in private ; besides, many visits have been made to " sick, poor and impotent people."

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Report of the Rev. J. S. Hildebrand, Rector of St. John's Church, Bellefonte.

Congregation, families 28 ; baptisms, infants 19, adults 3, total 22 ; confirmations, none held ; communicants, added 1, removed 1, present number 32 ; burial 1 ; public services, on Sundays 72, on other days 20, total 92 ; Sunday-schools, male, teachers 2, female, teachers 3, pupils 38 ; Bible-class 2 ; collections, Foreign Missions \$10, Diocesan Missions \$11, missionary and other purposes \$29, church purposes about \$60, making in all \$110. The rector's salary has been paid.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, Armstrong County.

Baptisms, infants 18 ; confirmed 14 ; communicants, added 16, died or removed 25, present number 86 ; marriages 8 ; burials 5 ; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 12, total 112 ; children catechized regularly in Sunday-school by the rector ; Sunday-school, male 1, teachers 9, pupils 68 ; Bible-class 1, members 15, taught by the rector ; collections, Convention Fund \$4 35, Diocesan Missionary Society \$45, missionary and other purposes \$645 87, total \$704 22.

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$400 ; arrears \$100.

The condition of this parish is still encouraging ; the most of the

communicants added, during the past year, were from the ranks of the young, which is looked upon as a favorable symptom. Our loss this spring, by removals, has been much larger than usual; so that, notwithstanding our additions during the year, our whole number of communicants is less than last year. May their places soon be filled by others from the ranks of the world.

The rector is happy in being able to state, that his vestry has, by a strenuous effort, succeeded in paying off the entire debt of the church this spring; and now we are free. But scarcely had we time to rejoice in and congratulate each other on the happy circumstance of being entirely free from debt, when, by an act of divine Providence, in the severe storm that passed over our town a short time ago, the tower of our church was completely destroyed. The vestry having exhausted all their resources, in their late effort to pay off the church debt, must either let our tower remain in its present dilapidated and forlorn condition, or incur a debt of some three or four hundred dollars, which they seem very reluctant to do. They had but just tasted the luxury of *freedom*, and they are unwilling to be brought, so soon, into *bondage* again. Perhaps some of the wealthy friends of our Zion will aid us in this time of need.

Report of the Rev. Geo. P. Hopkins, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford County.

In regard to this parish, the undersigned would say, that it has suffered much, even for the last year, by deaths, from removals to other places, as well as from many other causes; and, therefore, is now in a very depressed condition.

Commencing temporary services here myself in July last, I have extended my appointments to Le Raysville, a small village five miles off, holding services on alternate Sundays both here and at Pike.

Services, at Pike, on Sundays 30, other days 8, at Le Raysville, on Sundays 14, other days 3; marriages 3; baptism 1; burials 7.

The attendance at Le Raysville has been most encouraging.

Report of the Rev. M. A. DeWolfe Howe, D.D., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 275, total 1200; baptisms, adults 3, infants, 53, total 56; confirmed 32; communicants, added 45, died or removed 20, present number 500; marriages 12; burials 21; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 70, total 174; children catechized 6 times; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 11, pupils 86,

female 1, teachers 24, pupils 190, infant, male 1, teacher 1, pupils 63; female 1, teachers 2, pupils 60—123, Bible-classes 8, members 117, teachers 8, colored school, teachers 10, pupils 93, total teachers 56, under instruction 609; collections, Episeopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$100, Diocesan Missionary Society \$360 47, missionary and other purposes \$7460 03, total \$8575 50. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$3000; no arrears.

During the past winter a "Chureh Home for Destitute and Orphan Children" has been opened, under the united auspices of St. Mark's, Epiphany, and St. Luke's Churches. The work has been entered upon with great zeal and energy, by the lady managers, and their call for pecuniary aid has met with a ready response from members of these eongregations and others. The house which was rented for the purpose, was, in a very few weeks, filled with the pitiful and interesting "little ones," for whose shelter it was provided. Such as are old enough are sent to Sunday and day schools, and all offer the incense of prayer and praise, morning and evening, at the household altar. The musie of their infant voices, "speaking in Psalms, and Hymns, and Spiritual Songs," is alike grateful to the ear, and melodious to the heart.

We account it not the least interesting feature in this truly Christian enterprise, that the active spirit of neighboring eongregations, who else might have pursued their several works of benevolence, with the unexpressed but yet repellant impression abiding in their hearts, that it were impossible for them to co-operate, are here associated in a frame of lively sympathy and eordial unison, "perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment." We trust that the experiment may, in this regard, as well as all others, prove both successful and edifying; and that kindred institutions, suggested by the faith and spirit of the Gospel, may be established by these and other parishes of our great eity, eredentials to all people—that our Church is truly primitive, not only in her order, but in her faith, and eharity, and benificence.

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Report of Rev. B. S. Huntington, Principal of Aston Ridge Seminary.

Sermons, at the seminary 75, in other places 16; addresses and exhortations, principally at family worship, about 200; adult baptism 1; marriages 2.

The exclusion of religious worship from the court-house has interrupted the serviees of the chureh at Media for nearly a year.

The state of religion in the seminary is always affected by the fre-

quent changes incidental to schools, but the degree of religious interest at present existing, and recent letters from former pupils, expressive of the lasting impressions they had here received, afford me the most gratifying evidence of the usefulness of my labors, and of the important connection between institutions like this and the best interests of the church.

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Report of the Parish of Hope Church, Mt. Hope, Lancaster County.

Baptisms, infants 8 ; public services on Sundays 23, other days 11, total 34 ; Sunday-school pupils, total 80 ; parish day-school pupils 45. The holy communion has been once administered to 4 persons.

During a considerable portion of the summer, the church was open on the Sundays, worship being conducted by a candidate for Holy Orders. The attendance was numerous, constant and devout. Missionary services are greatly desired and much needed at this place.

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Report of the Rev. W. Hommann, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Newtown, and St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, Bucks County.

NEWTOWN.—Congregation, families 14, adults 44, children 22, total 66 ; communicants 13 ; public services 27 ; children catechized twice ; Sunday-schools, 8 teachers, 64 pupils ; collection for Convention Fund \$1 32.

YARDLEYVILLE.—Congregation, families 16, adults 44, children 33, total 77 ; communicants, removed 2, present number 14 ; public services 24 ; Sunday-schools, 5 teachers, 24 pupils ; collection for Convention Fund \$1 77.

The present rector has been in charge of the above parishes only three months. During that time there have been no baptisms, neither have any additions been made to the communion of the church.

No collections have been made other than the usual communion offerings and the weekly offerings for incidental parish expenses, except for the Convention Fund, as stated above.

The prospects of both congregations are, upon the whole, very encouraging.

The Sunday-school of St. Luke's, under the faithful and efficient superintendence of John Cresson, Esq., is an honor and a praise in the community. Its pupils comprise many who have no other connection with our church than as members of the school. Of the 64 pupils in the school, 20 are colored children. The influence of the church is thus brought to bear upon this too much neglected portion



of the population of our country. The Sunday-school of St. Andrew's having been closed for several months past, has just been resumed. Its commencement promises well.

The attendance at public worship in both churches is increasing. At Yardleyville, it has, thus far, been larger than at Newtown. The church edifice there is *free*, no pew in the building being rented, and no one having any exclusive right to any particular seat. The rector's salary is made up by private subscriptions, and the incidental expenses are met by the weekly offerings of the congregation during public worship. Thus the people see and feel that this is a church for all. All feel at home. *The rich and the poor meet together* and feel that "*the Lord is the Maker of them all.*" The writer feels a real pleasure and satisfaction when inviting people to this house of prayer in being able to say to them, "*The seats are free to all.*"

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Report of the Rev. M. Hirst, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Minersville, Schuylkill County.

Congregation, families 15, adults 40; baptisms, infants 37; communicants, present number 18; marriages 8; burials 7; public services on Sundays 52, other days 10, total 62; Sunday-school 1, teachers 6, pupils 70.

The parish owns no property, except the church edifice; it is free from debt. Amount of clergyman's salary, \$200. There are no arrears.

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Report of the Rev. Joseph Jaquette.

The Rev. Joseph Jaquette reports that he continued to teach Theological Students the Hebrew language, until, in the view of his medical advisers, a further continuance would produce fatal results.

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Report of the Rev. John A. Jerome, Rector of St. James' Church, Dundaff, Susquehanna County.

I took charge of this newly-organized parish the first Sunday in March last. For several months previous there had been no resident minister of any name in the village, and only occasional services. We now worship in the Presbyterian church, which has been kindly opened to us without charge. The attendance has encouraged us from the first, and continues to improve.



A meeting for prayer and exposition of the Scriptures has been held every Wednesday evening. A Sunday-school was organized the second Sunday in April, and now numbers 10 teachers and 60 scholars. We are indebted to the Female Infant-school of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, for the grant of a library of 100 volumes, through the American Sunday-school Union. Also to the Bishop White Prayer-Book Society for 50, and to the Female Prayer-Book Society for 25, Prayer Books.

Every thing invites to the most faithful and hopeful efforts.

The number of families and communicants cannot now be accurately stated. There have been two funerals.

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Report of the Rev. Edward C. Jones.

The missionary at the Blockley Almshouse respectfully reports to his diocesan, that he has been fully engaged during the past conventional year in his usual round of duties. He is more and more convinced of the necessity of religious worship in this large institution, and the practical good resulting from such stated ministrations. The three departments in which he still labors are the Children's Asylum, the wards of the superannuated men, and the insane population. In his pastoral relation, he finds that his influence is growing, and that increasing respect is manifested to all the ordinances of our holy faith. The great object of such an effort is to carry the gospel to the poor and destitute, and the result of the preaching of the word is the order and good conduct of the inmates and the decided restraint upon the exhibition of the worst feelings of our fallen nature. The sanative influence of the gospel in its moral fruits are thus peculiarly visible, even if we have no marked accessions to the church in the form of a tangible membership. For nearly eight years the missionary has thus labored with satisfaction and success. In closing, he would thank his bishop for his fatherly interest in an effort whose utility if not now, must in the future, be fully appreciated by the church in Philadelphia.

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Report of the Rev. N. M. Jones, Rector of St. Bartholomew's parish, Philadelphia.

Families 97; communicants 31, removed 1—30; baptisms, adults 3, infants and children 117, total 120; marriages 3; funerals 12; Sunday-school children 200; Sunday-school teachers 14; parochial visits paid 881; number of poor families relieved 177.

This church was opened for public worship on the 23d of September last, and has ever since gone on steadily increasing in numbers. The congregation is composed almost wholly of those who are poor in this world's goods, and, in consequence, but few of the pews have been rented. The last long and severe winter has prevented many from renting the pews who otherwise would. They, nevertheless, attend the church, and, when they are able, will contribute to its support.

Since the 23d of September, the rector has received as a salary \$73; for Episcopal Hospital \$1 58; Convention Fund \$4 04; sufferers at Norfolk and Portsmouth \$20; other offerings \$101 35.

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Report of the Rev. Daniel Kendig, Deacon, ministering in St. Paul's Church, Chester, Delaware County.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 25, total 27, (of these, the sacrament was administered to one by the bishop, and to four by the Rev. A. B. Hard;) confirmed 5; communicants, died or removed 6, added 16, present number 83; marriages 11; burials 27; public services, on Sundays 99, other days 38, total 137; Sunday-schools 2; teachers 27; pupils 250; Bible-classes 2; members 18; collections, Episcopal Fund \$5; Convention Fund \$5; Foreign Missions \$38; Christmas Fund \$6 25; Bishop White Prayer-Book Society \$11 25; Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, \$27; Norfolk Relief \$42; church building \$8; other purposes \$209 79; Sunday-school offerings \$80; total \$432 79. Salary \$600; no arrears.

The amount of property owned by the parish remains as heretofore reported, except that the limits of the church-yard have been extended by the purchase of the lot of ground adjoining it. This is not yet entirely paid for, but the sale of burial lots is gradually discharging the debt. The other liabilities of the parish are inconsiderable, and provision has been made to insure their liquidation.

In every respect the state of things here is encouraging. The congregation has increased in numbers, and the people listen to the word with great attention. The Sunday-school is in a prosperous condition; the children are engaging with renewed zeal in their little missionary enterprise, and they are seconded by the self-denying labors of their teachers, whose faithfulness is specially worthy of grateful record. And, in all, there seems to be a hearty interest and a liberal spirit for every thing that concerns the well-being of the parish.

Report of the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, Rector of All Saints' Church, Paradise, and of Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster County.

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PARADISE.**—Congregation, families and parts of families reported last year 36, removed 4, added 29, present number 61; adults 168, children 124, total 292; baptisms, adults 29, infants 26, total 46; confirmed 17; communicants, added 26, died or removed 4, present number 62; marriages 10; burials 22; public services, on Sundays 53, other days 48, total 101; Sunday-school 1, teachers 13, pupils 80; collections, Episcopal Fund \$3 50, Convention Fund \$4 00, Society Advancement of Christianity \$32, Norfolk and Portsmouth Fund \$14, Domestic Missions \$27 18, Foreign Missions \$19 27, Rev. Mr. Breck's Indian Mission \$10, Christmas Fund \$2 50, Charitable and other purposes \$94 09, total \$206 54.

Statistics, same as last reported; salary of clergyman \$450. Arrears of salary, none.

I could only find thirty-two families residing within the bounds of this parish, on taking charge of it a year since. Of the twenty-nine added, six are by removal from other parishes. Of the twenty adults baptized, twelve were received into the church by that initiatory rite on one occasion. Seventeen only were confirmed by Bishop Lee, of Delaware, other candidates not being able to get to the church on account of the almost impassable state of the roads. Of the confirmed, five were pupils of the Female Seminary founded by myself in this place, and of which I am rector. Another pupil prepared by me, went home last month to receive the rite at the hands of Bishop Upfold, in Greensburg. Thus has this seminary at the end of its second session, added six members to the church as its first fruits. Of the twenty-two persons buried, six only belonged to this parish. An address, according to the custom of the country, was delivered on every occasion except one. When it is remembered that this is a rural parish, and a feeble one, the collections will be considered fair. The rector, in this connection, is happy to state that the vestry of this parish has increased his salary to the sum of \$450, to meet the withdrawal of aid from the Advancement Society. A number of pews have been rented, and the attendance has been regular and large, the church being frequently filled or nearly so. Service is celebrated once on every Lord's day, in the morning and evening alternatively. I have held service and preached in Strasburg and other places, thirteen times. My people are united and kind, and I have abundant cause to be thankful for the present encouraging condition of the parish.

CHRIST CHURCH, LEACOCK.—Congregation, families and parts of families reported in 1855, 37, removed 4, added 4, present number 37; adults 91, children 50, total 141; baptisms, adults 6, children 10, total 16; communicants, added 6, died or removed 3, present number 44; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 34, other days 2, total 36; Sunday school 1, teachers 10, pupils 50; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2 01, Convention Fund \$3 86, Society for Advancement of Christianity \$5 20, Norfolk and Portsmouth sufferers \$5, Missionary and other purposes \$27 16, total \$43 43; statistics same as last year; salary of clergyman \$100. No arrears.

The severity of the past winter, and the state of the roads, have materially interfered with the attendance of the congregation on public worship. The parish is feeble and the prospect for enlargement owing to peculiar circumstances, rather unpromising. I now hold service in this church on every other Lord's day morning, and devote the extra time heretofore given to it, to other surrounding points, with the hope of strengthening the parish.

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Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Rector of St. John's Church, New London, and St. James', West Marlborough.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NEW LONDON.—Congregation, families about 17; baptisms, children 2; communicants, added 1, present number 24; marriages 1; burials 4; services with sermons, on the Lord's day 26, other days 13, total 39; Sunday-school 1, teachers 3, pupils 13; Bible-class 1; collections, Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society \$6 03, Female Prayer-Book Society \$2 96, Convention Fund \$1 96, Evangelical Knowledge Society \$2 06, Parochial purposes \$6 00, total \$19 01; Church property unchanged. Pew rents about as last reported.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WEST MARLBOROUGH.—Services with sermons, on the Lord's day 25, other days 3, total 28; communicants 2; burial 1; collections, Domestic and Foreign Missions \$1, Female Prayer-Book Society 92 cts., Episcopal Fund \$1 54, Parochial purposes \$2 25, total \$2 96. Church property and circumstances unchanged.

The minister officiating in the above named parishes, has also had 26 services with sermons, on the Lord's day, at the Chester County Prison, and one on the morning of thanksgiving day, and 26 services with sermons, on the Lord's day at the Chester County Poor House, and one on the afternoon of thanksgiving day, making 63 visits to prisoners in their respective cells in the former place, and 92 to the sick and afflicted unable to attend public service in the latter. In



both of these establishments he has reason to hope that his efforts have not been unblest; and he has had the pleasure of witnessing a great improvement in the condition and comfort of the poor, who are about to occupy their new building, the largest and best in the county, with suitable accommodations for the instruction of the young, and for public services. The writer of this report has, likewise during the last Conventional year, besides the performance of other ministerial duties, preached at other places 10 times, baptized one infant, solemnized 4 marriages, and officiated at one funeral.

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Report of the Rev. George A. Latimer, Assistant to the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, and Missionary.

Since his ordination, April 11, 1855, the undersigned, independent of his mission, has assisted in the performance of Divine Service, twice every Sunday in the Holy Communion, once a month at Wednesday evening Lecture, and Saturday evening Prayer-meeting; children baptized 5; funerals 8.

At Boone-Street Mission, there is a prayer-meeting with short lecture on Tuesday evening—lecture with service on Thursday evening—and service and sermon on Sunday evening of every week. The members, as well as the missionary, are very desirous to have service held at this mission on Sunday mornings, and would earnestly plead for some one to supply this, our only present pressing need, the same person to act also as superintendant of the and school. The attendance at our Sunday evening services, varies from 60 to 100 persons. Sunday-school at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., teachers 12, children about 200; baptized, children 32; confirmed 1, married 1, funerals 3, total, children baptized 37; confirmed 1; married 1; funerals 11.

The missionary has met with very little assistance in the performance of the several-services of the mission, and would cordially invite all, clerical as well as lay, who are interested in Philadelphia City Missions, to pay us a visit, and see what can be done by self-denial, very little means, and patient perseverance. Salary \$400.

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Report of the Rev. Edmund Leaf, Rector of Christ Church, Pottstown, St. Gabriel's, Morlatton, (Douglassville,) and St. Michael's, Birdsboro'.

CHRIST CHURCH, POTTSTOWN.—Congregation, families 35, adults 125, children 50, total 175; baptisms, adults 3, infants 7, total 10; communicants, added 4, died or removed 3, present number 52; marriages 2; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 78, other days 14, total 92; Sunday-school, teachers 14, pupils 79; Bible-class, mem-

bers 20; collections, Convention Fund \$4 18, Advancement Society, and Church building \$36 19, Church Hospital \$15, Christmas Fund 10 91, Missionary and other purposes \$130 33, proceeds of sale by ladies of the parish \$225, total \$421 62. No debt, no property, salary \$400, and no arrears.

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH, MORLATTON.—Congregation, families 44, adults 245, children 70, total 315; baptisms, children 3; communicants, added 4, died or removed 4, present number 72; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 8, other days 12, total 40; Sunday-school, male teachers 5, female 10, total 14; male scholars 50, female 64, total 114; collections, for missionary and other purposes \$43 62. Property as before reported. Salary \$150. No arrears; debt none.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BIRDSBORO'.—Congregation, families 25, adults 100, children 50, total 150; baptisms, children 8; communicants, added 2, present number 16; marriages 3; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 26, other days 4, total 30; Sunday-school, teachers 9, pupils 53; collections, for missionary and other purposes \$38. Salary \$150; no arrears; no debt.

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Report of the Rev. E. N. Lightner, Rector of Christ Church, Danville, Montour County.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 11; communicants, added 5, died or removed 5, present number 55; marriages 12; burials 12; public services, regularly on Sunday, and on the general festivals and fasts of the Church. Sunday-school 1, teachers 13, pupils (average attendance,) 70; collections, Sunday-school \$11 87, Advancement Society \$24, Domestic Missions \$5 50, Foreign Missions \$7 44, Bishop White Prayer-Book Society \$7 16, Convention Fund \$5, Episcopal Fund \$7, Christmas Fund \$8 30, Alms, &c. \$50 47.

The Church owns a Cemetery and a Parsonage, both the gift of a liberal member of the congregation.

The rector's salary \$600, is punctually paid every quarter, and he has received over and above the same, at least one-third the amount, in gifts and presents.

The number of communicants is much smaller than heretofore reported, after erasing from the list, the names of all who ought not to be considered such. The number I have reported is still, perhaps, too large. The church building needs repair, and I am glad to report that the prospects now is that it will be thoroughly repaired during the coming season.



Report of the Rev. M. C. Lightner, Rector of Christ Church, Reading,  
Bucks County.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 16, total 18; confirmed 19 (one in private); communicants, added 35, died and removed 28, total 177; marriages 15; burials 22; public services, on Sundays 110, other days 69, total 179; children catechized in the church monthly; Sunday-school, teachers 18, pupils 117; Bible-class (female) 22 members, under a most efficient teacher; collections, Convention Fund \$15 09, missionary and other purposes \$690 58, total \$705 67.

The parish owns, besides the church building and lot, a comfortable parsonage, and is out of debt. Amount of salary which the clergyman is entitled to receive \$900, and the use of the parsonage, which is always promptly paid. During the past year the church building has been handsomely improved by an expenditure of \$1500. Improvements have also been made in the parsonage.

Report of the Rev. John Long, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Scranton,  
Luzerne County.

Congregation, adults about 200, children 100, total 300; baptisms, adults 3, infants 20, total 23; confirmed 7; communicants, added 25, died or removed 18, present number 39; marriages 12; burials 8; public services 268, other days 60, total 328; children catechized 75; times monthly; Sunday-school 1, teachers 3, pupils 75; Bible-class 1, scholars 6, teacher 1; Convention Fund \$5, missionary and other purposes \$95, total \$100. Property other than church building and lot owned by the parish, parsonage and lot valued at \$3500, on which is a debt of about \$600, for the liquidation of which efforts are now being made; indebtedness of church of the parish 0; amount of salary clergyman is entitled to receive \$400; arrears of salary, for three years preceding 1855-6, \$695; no arrearages on the past year, showing an encouraging improvement.

The above statistics embrace the period of two years, as no report was made last year on account of affliction in my family. The changing character of this population will appear from the report of communicants. This is one of the great difficulties the church has to encounter here. Many remain here but a few months, not long enough to become interested in the affairs of the parish, and then seek to better their circumstances by removing to some other point. There is in our midst a large number of persons who were members of the Church of England, but who seem to have lost all regard for the church, except when they have any need, children for baptism,

burial of their dead, or marriages. A few, however, are regular and devout in their attendance. The interests of the parish are constantly advancing; and although the church here has had many things to depress her, by the blessing of God she is gaining influence from day to day; much, however, remains to be done. This is a busy, hard-working community; much is done by steam; and to keep pace with the wants thereof churchmen must be wakeful and active. There seems to be a greater disposition on the part of the laity to co-operate. I continue to visit Hyde-Park, Providence and Dunmore, all which services are well attended. In each village a chapel is much needed. I desire here to record my sense of obligation to those many friends who have so kindly remembered me and mine in our affliction. May God reward them.

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Report of the Rev. Samuel Tiffany Lord, Missionary of the Advancement Society for Crawford County.

Public services, on Sundays 74, other days 16, total 90; baptisms, adults 1, infants 15, total 16; confirmed, by Bishop Upfold, 7; communicants, added 2, relapsed 1, removed 3, present number 37; marriage 1; burials 2; collections, General Domestic Missions \$9 50, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania \$4 30 Pennsylvania Colonization Society \$2 58, other purposes \$3 60, total \$19 98.

Of the above services, 14 have been given to Woodcock, 14 to Richmond, 18 to Conneautville, 6 to Shermansville, 3 to Riceville, and one to Vernon, in Crawford County, my mission proper, 3 to Oakland, and 14 to Franklin, in Venango County, and 14 to Waterford, in Erie County, beyond my missionary field.

Besides the above, I have assisted in the services in Meadville on 33 occasions; I have assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion on 3 occasions, besides administering it myself in Conneautville 2, in Woodcock 2, in Waterford and Franklin each 2, and in Oakland once. In fulfilling my regular appointments, I have travelled about 1600 miles. Of the communicants above reported, 4 belong to Woodcock, 8 to Conneautville, 7 to Franklin, 6 to Oakland, 10 to Waterford, 1 to Clarksville, in Mercer County, and one to Riceville. Of the baptisms, 8 were in Conneautville, 2 in Oakland, 1 in Franklin, 1 near Waterford, 1 in Meadville, and 3 in Clarksville. Of the confirmations, 4 were in Waterford, 2 in Franklin, and 1 in Conneautville.

My visits to Waterford and Franklin were not designed to be con-

tinued long, nor to secure any remuneration from them, but were meant to rouse up the friends of the church, if possible, to some effort to procure a resident missionary in each of those places, an arrangement greatly needed to further the interests of the church and the welfare of souls. In Waterford they seemed to talk encouragingly through the winter; but I fear, from present appearances, no efficient action can be expected there till such time as a missionary is sent them. Erie County greatly needs a missionary, to reside in Waterford, and visit other places, as circumstances seem to warrant. Could an acceptable and faithful missionary be sent there, two hundred dollars at least, it seems to me, might be depended on from Waterford and vicinity, towards his support. And every month's delay only adds to the difficulty, and increases the discouragements in the way of building up the church in that place and county. Venango County affords a very interesting, and as it seems to me, an encouraging field for missionary labor, if a missionary could be sent there, and chiefly supported for a few years by the friends of the church elsewhere. At Franklin they have a small brick church, which a trifling sum would make very comfortable; 7 communicants, and a respectable congregation, which a resident clergyman might materially increase from the younger and very respectable portion of the community. The friends of the church there are poor in worldly means, and greatly need assistance from their more favored brethren. At Oakland they have 11½ acres of land deeded to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, 5 acres of which were given by Mr. Thomas Moffitt, Robert and Richard Moffitt, his sons, and David McElheny; the residence was purchased by myself, with funds to be collected hereafter from friends of the church. Had they a good sized room erected on it, they would keep up a stated lay service, and Sunday-school. There are here six communicants. The distance from Franklin is nine miles.

Cooperstown, seven miles from Franklin and about nine from Oakland, furnishes a large congregation whenever services are held there, though there are no communicants. Here is a field open to us. Tionesta, a small village some thirty miles northwardly from Franklin, has a very energetic female communicant, who is doing what she can for the church there, and expresses the opinion, that there is a favorable opening for the introduction of our services at the present time.

Clintonville, sixteen miles from Franklin, on the road towards Butler, furnishes a number of families raised in the church, who are still waiting for the means of grace, according to the order

and appointment of the Episcopal Church. An intelligent gentleman from that place, not a member of the church, informed me of these things, and very kindly invited me to his house, with the promise that he would see that arrangements were made for our services, if only an appointment were sent. Will not some society or agency of our church undertake to introduce and keep up the services of the church among these needy and greatly neglected members and friends of the church?

Mercer County, too, from information which to me seems reliable, a part of which is from actual observation when visiting there, opens a sphere for usefulness for some active, faithful, self-denying missionary, which ought no longer to be neglected, there being many families, particularly in the northeastern portion, of old country people, who are attached to our church, and would most heartily welcome a missionary into that region.

Nor can I, with my wholly inadequate support, engage or hope to extend my labors beyond Crawford County. In fact the wants of my family admonish me, that something more profitable than missionary labors must engage a portion of my time, unless those who have the means will freely bestow it to make us more comfortable.

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Report of the Rev. Edward Lounsbery, Rector of St. Jude's Church,  
Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 5, infants 19, total 24; confirmed 9; communicants, added 42, removed 16, present number 131; marriages 3; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 88, other days 38, total 126; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 9, pupils about 70; female 1, teachers 10, pupils 85; total 155; Bible-classes 2, pupils 35; collections, Episcopal Fund \$15, Convention Fund \$10, Foreign Missions \$40 38, Domestic Missions \$40 38, Episcopal Hospital \$25, Aged and Infirm Clergy \$23 38, Diocesan Missions 15 63, Communion Alms \$111 91, Sunday-schools and other missionary purposes \$462 11, total \$743 79.

Besides these sums, the vestry have expended about \$1800 in improvements in the interior of the church, all of which, except about \$250, was collected among the members of the parish. These improvements have added very greatly to the comfort of the church. The difficulty in warming it has been entirely overcome, and we have reason to hope that it will not be without a favorable influence upon the permanent prosperity of the parish.

The congregation has been steadily growing, but the number of pew-holders gives but an imperfect clue to the number of families connected with the congregation.



Report of the Rev. John P. Lundy, Rector of All Saints' Church,  
Philadelphia.

Congregation, families or parts of families, about 200; baptisms, adults 2, children 98, total 100; confirmed 16; communicants, added 20, died or removed 16, present number, about 150; marriages 19; burials 39; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 40, total 144; children catechized on the first Sunday afternoon of every month, openly in church; Sunday-schools, male teachers 6, female 14, male pupils 75, female pupils 136; Bible-classes 2, members 12; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Diocesan Missionary Society \$9 12, Missionary and other purposes \$280 63, total \$294 75.

Amount of indebtedness of church, about \$500, which is in course of liquidation. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$1000; arrears none.

The Dorcas Society have made and distributed during the winter, about 200 garments.

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Report of the Rev. Edward L. Lycett, Rector of Bangor Church, Churchtown, Lancaster Co., and St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, Berks Co.

**BANGOR CHURCH, CHURCHTOWN.**—Congregation, families about 30, adults 73, children about 30; baptisms, none; communicants, added 47, died or removed since last report 1, present number 21; burials 3; Sunday services 54, other occasions about 20; Sunday-school, teachers 4, scholars about 70; collections, Episcopal Fund \$6 11, Missionary Association for the West \$28 58, Christmas Fund \$13, Sunday-school for Africa \$10, Epiphany collection for Foreign Missions \$76, for alteration of chancel, carpets, books, &c. \$125, Convention Fund \$5, total \$263 69.

There was increased activity in the Sunday-school of this church during the last year, the school continuing to meet until Christmas.

Several alterations have been made in the church building which adds much to our comfort and convenience. Certain property belonging to the corporation, is about to be disposed of in order to invest the principal to more advantage than at present, or else for the purchase of a parsonage. The rector continues to receive the marked kindness of his parishioners, which he duly appreciates. Salary \$300, paid quarterly, besides living rent free.

**ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, MORGANTOWN.**—Congregation, families about 43, adults 130, children 66; baptisms 4; communicants, added 1, present number 31; marriage 1; burials 5; Sunday services 51; Sunday-school, teachers 8, scholars 70; collections, Episcopal Fund

\$5, Missionary Association for the West \$4 20, Epiphany collection for Foreign Missions \$5, Convention Fund \$4, total \$18 20.

This parish is in much the same condition as appeared in last year's report. The attendance throughout the winter season was very thin, owing entirely to the bad arrangements for heating the church, and the want of due attention or ability, in making proper repairs before winter set in. On this account, I feel my usefulness has been much impaired, but I hope to see something done to remedy it before another year rolls around. The salary of the rector, \$200, has been paid.

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Report of Rev. Theodore B. Lyman, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburg.

Baptisms, adults 4, infants 58, total 62; confirmed 10; marriages 5; funerals 24; communicants, died 6, removed 18, added 30, present number 240; collections, Episcopal Fund \$100, Convention Fund \$20, Advancement Society \$373 40, General Domestic Missions \$358 20, Foreign Missions \$162 45, parish Sunday school \$76 21, aged and infirm clergymen \$104 50, other missionary and charitable purposes \$1100, total \$2294 76.

The Rev. J. S. B. Hodges continues to render efficient aid as Assistant Minister of the parish. The Sunday-school is in a highly flourishing and prosperous condition. The children of the congregation are publicly catechized in the church on the afternoon of the first Sunday in each month.

Rector's salary \$2000, Assistant Minister's \$600; both of which are promptly and fully paid.

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Report of the Rev. J. Gordon Maxwell, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 10, infants 25, total 35; confirmed 24; communicants, added 24, died or removed 5, present number 290; marriages 9; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 40, total 144; children catechized 200, times, monthly, openly in the church; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 9, pupils 154; female 1, teachers 16, pupils 172; infant 1, pupils 70; total teachers 25, pupils 396; Bible-classes 2, members 50, teachers 2; collections, Episcopal Fund \$20, Convention Fund \$20, Diocesan Missionary Society \$100, missionary and other purposes \$300, total \$440. Received by the Treasurer of the Building Committee of Emmanuel Church during the past year from the congregation \$3749. Amount of salary \$1000; increased to \$1500 recently, to begin at date fixed by resolution of vestry; no arrears.



The Great Head of the church has vouchsafed to this parish a very large measure of prosperity, both in its temporal and spiritual interests, since my last report. The church edifice has been enlarged to a capacity for eight hundred and fifty worshippers, and presents, in the arrangement of the basement, many conveniences for parochial purposes rarely met with. Beside the room in which the promiscuous school is taught on Sunday, there have been provided an infant school-room, and five class-rooms. The promiscuous school-room will accommodate about 250 children ; the infant's room 100 ; and the class-rooms 200. The latter are under the control of very competent teachers, who labor to bring their pupils to Christ as their first great object, but who, also, in all proper ways, train them to an intelligent love of the church. The congregation have signalized the past year in devising liberal things for the house of God, and for their pastor, and the Divine approbation has been vouchsafed them in the marked visitation of His grace.

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Report of the Rev. Cameron F. McRae, Rector of St. John's Church,  
Philadelphia.

I have had charge of this parish since the 1st of March, since which there have been—baptisms, infants 21 ; marriage 1 ; burials 2 ; when added to the acts of the late rector make the number—baptisms 30 ; communicants 108 ; marriages 4 ; burials 2. The Sunday-school has 5 male and 8 female teachers, and about 100 pupils. It has been in a languishing state, but begins to show a manifest improvement.

This parish, by the generosity of Mr. Steinmetz, a venerable member of the congregation, has been released from an oppressive debt.

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Report of the Rev. Edwin Mendenhall, Rector of St. John's Church, Salem,  
and Zion Church, Sterling, Wayne County.

The number of families within the bounds of my mission to which I give religious instruction is about fifty. Many of these families live too distant from either of the churches to enable them to attend the services regularly.

ST. JOHN'S, SALEM.—Communicants, added 9, present number 38 ; burials in both parishes 6 ; baptisms, adult 1, infant 1, total 2 ; confirmed 3 ; collections for parochial purposes \$6, Domestic Missions \$2, Advancement Society \$2, Convention Fund \$1 36 ; Sunday-school, scholars 30, teachers 6. The congregation have purchased a parsonage during the last year. Salary pledged \$45.

ZION CHURCH, STERLING.—Communicants, added 5, present number 12; baptisms, adults 3, infants 7, total 10; confirmed 3; marriages in both parishes 9; collections, for Domestic Missions \$2, for Convention Fund \$1 87½. Salary pledged \$40. Donations from both parishes and others \$112.

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Report of Rev. G. D. Miles, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.

Congregation, families about 100, adults 221, children 208, total 429; baptisms, adults 2, infants 13, total 15; no confirmations; communicants, added 10, died or removed 20, present number 96; marriages 6; burials 13; public services, on Sundays 105, other days 52, total 157. I have preached also in the neighbourhood, at Convocation, &c., in all 149 sermons. The children have been catechized irregularly, owing to other services. One general Sunday-school, teachers 17, pupils 112; a branch school at South Wilkesbarre, teachers 10, pupils 80; 1 infant school, teacher 1, pupils 63; total schools 3, teachers 28, pupils 253; Bible-classes 2, members 13, teachers 2; collections, Episcopal Fund \$20, Convention Fund \$20, Diocesan Missionary Society \$85, missionary and other purposes \$1218 19, total \$1343 19; other missionary purposes in the diocese besides the Diocesan Missionary Society \$75, Foreign Missions (\$84 of which from Sunday-schools) \$195; Domestic Missions (Episcopal Missionary Association for the West) \$90, Convocation Fund \$20, Christmas Fund \$30, Sunday-school purposes \$121 50, Communion alms \$68 89, Theo. Seminary at Va. Endowment Fund \$200, Sunday-school Libraries for the West \$40, Norfolk sufferers \$97, ditto from Sunday-school for orphans \$20, Evangelical Knowledge Society \$157 80, American Tract Society \$13, Theological Education in Kenyon College \$50, for the Jews \$50. To these sums may be added a scholarship in Kenyon College \$200, which will eventually revert to the vestry of the church; \$100 raised by the Ladies' Sewing Society, and an Easter gift to the rector by the ladies, \$250; making a total of \$1893 19, besides the salary and current expenses of the parish.

Property, other than church building and lot, owned by the parish, lot for parsonage, cost about \$1000. Amount of salary \$850; no arrears.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PITSTON, LUZERNE CO.—Twenty-four services have been held in this parish during the past conventional year; there have been 2 baptisms, 1 infant, and 1 adult; and 1 burial; 2 persons were confirmed at the time of the bishop's visit in June last;

there are 8 communicants; the Sunday-school numbers above 70 scholars and 10 teachers.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE CO.—The congregation at Plymouth was organized under the above name. The charter has been submitted to the Bishop and Standing Committee, and been approved by the Court. Only 4 services have been held. Some of the families attend at St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre, and 4 communicants in those families are still retained on the list of that church.

In both the above places a subscription has been commenced, and incipient steps taken towards building. The success of the effort, in future, (under God,) must depend upon the question, whether a minister can be obtained to labour as a missionary, and gather congregations in these growing places. They are in the midst of the great coal region, twelve or thirteen miles apart, and will be connected with a railroad, now in process of construction, to be opened this coming summer.

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Report of the Rev. D. S. Miller, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, Philadelphia.

Congregation as before reported; baptisms 50, 3 adults and 47 infants; communicants, added 17, died, or removed from parish 14, whole number 163; confirmed 8; marriages 6; burials 28; public services, on Sundays 118, on week-days 102, total 220; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 11, scholars 107; female 1, teachers 16, scholars 133; infant 1, teacher 1, scholars 120; total schools 3, teachers 28, scholars 360; 3 Bible-classes, containing about 50 members; collections, for Episcopal and Convention Fund \$20, for Diocesan Missionary Society \$60, for other missionary and charitable objects \$1148 83, for other church purposes \$246 75, total \$1475 58.

In the providence of God the activity with which our various movements ought to have been prosecuted, has been materially affected by the indisposition of the rector. The interest manifested by the people continues to be encouraging, and the attendance upon the services good. The Parish Library is much frequented, and religious publications are largely distributed.

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Report of the Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of St. James' Church, Perkiomen, Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County.

Congregation, families 65; baptisms, 13 infants; communicants, added 5, died 3, present number 80; marriages 3; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 68, other days 2, total 70; Sunday-school 1,

teachers, male 2, female 7, pupils, male 25, female 25, total 50 ; collections, Convention Fund \$5, missionary and other purposes \$30, total \$35.

Property, other than church building and lot owned by the parish, a parsonage and fifty acres of land. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$300. Arrears, for repairs and tax for the parsonage, \$180.

Services every Sunday afternoon, at the Union Church ; the most of the baptisms reported above were performed at this church.

Report of the Rev. W. White Montgomery, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, and St. Mark's Church, Northumberland, and officiating at Christ Church, Milton.

ST. MATTHEW'S, SUNBURY.—Congregation, families 18, adults 53, children 20, total 73 ; baptisms 5 ; marriage 1 ; communicants, removed 2, present number 23 ; burials 5 ; public services, on Sundays 44, other days 18, total 62 ; Sunday-school 1, teachers 6, pupils 50 ; collections, for Convention Fund \$3 20, Society for Advancement of Christianity \$13 58, Memorial Church of Advancement Society \$5, Easter Building Fund \$5 13, Christmas Fund \$4 30, other purposes \$40 84, total \$72 05.

Besides the church building and lot, the parish owns a brick school-house. The parish church is free of debt. The clergyman is entitled to receive \$200, which is paid very irregularly, and is now very much in arrears.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—Congregation, families and parts of families 9, adults 14, children 26, total 40 ; baptism 1 ; communicants 11 ; burials 5 ; public services, on Sundays 38, other days 12, total 50 ; Sunday-school 1, scholars 35, teachers 2 ; collections, for Convention Fund \$2 40, Advancement Society \$7, Memorial Church of Advancement Society \$5 02, Easter Building Fund \$5, Christmas Fund \$2 69, other purposes \$23 32, total \$45 43.

The parish owns no property other than the church building and lot. The parish church is free of debt. The clergyman is entitled to receive \$100, which is always regularly paid.

CHRIST CHURCH, MILTON.—I have still continued to officiate at this point. Connected with the parish are 10 families and parts of families, comprising 15 adults, 15 children, and 12 communicants ; public services, on Sundays and other days 18 ; burials 2 ; collections, for Convention Fund \$1 56, Advancement Society \$9 21, Memorial Church of Advancement Society \$7, other purposes \$2 80, total \$20 57.

No property is owned by the parish, other than the lot and church



building, on which there is no debt. The congregation has been endeavouring to pay \$100 per annum towards the support of the missionary, a part of which has been raised.

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Report of the Rev. Richard Channing Moore, Rector of Christ Church,  
Williamsport, Lycoming County.

Congregation, families 23, adults 64, children 50, total 114; baptisms, 5 infants, including 1 at Lockhaven; communicants, added 6, removed 11, present number 31; public services, on Sundays 44, other days 10, total 54; children catechized in church several times; Sunday-school, including males and females, 1, teachers 10, scholars from 35 to 50; collections, fund for aged and infirm clergymen \$10 50, Sunday-school offering to Africa \$4, Church Building \$5 80, Convention Fund \$7 10, total \$27 40.

Property, other than church building and lot owned by the parish, a brick parsonage and lot, valued at over \$3000. Amount of indebtedness on parsonage \$1000. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$400.

The above report dates back only to October 20th, when the present incumbent entered upon his duties.

During a season of unusual severity the services have been regularly held, and the attendance has been encouraging. There is a good degree of zeal in the parish, which has manifested itself in the adoption of measures to repair the church and to pay off the debt on the parsonage. The former is to be done by the generous liberality of a single member of the vestry.

Much attention has been bestowed upon the Sunday-school, of which the rector has taken a general supervision, and it is believed that the congregation will find this a source of permanent increase. Besides the number reported as regularly belonging to the congregation, there are many occasional attendants on our services, and as there is a large population in Williamsport having no fixed connection with any body of Christians, it may be hoped that a proportion of the same will ultimately be gathered in to make their lot with us.

In addition to his duties as rector of Christ Church, Williamsport, the undersigned has also officiated once a month, on Sunday, to the congregation recently formed under the title of St. Paul's Church, Lockhaven. He entered upon his duties, as rector of this infant parish, on the last Sunday in October, and finds great encouragement to believe that a flourishing congregation may soon be established here. The vestry have already secured a very eligible lot for a church build-

ing, and expect, very soon, to erect upon it a handsome stone church. The character of the building will somewhat depend upon the means they may have at their command, and they hope that they will be assisted by other portions of the diocese, in their endeavor to plant the church where there is, so peculiarly, a favorable opening for her services.

It is very seldom that such a field presents itself. With a large and growing population there is a very great demand for church accommodation, and if a suitable church building can be erected without delay, success is certain.

The enterprise has been taken hold of by the most prominent citizens of the place, is regarded with favor, it is believed, by the community generally, and the services have been uniformly well attended.

The parish of St. Paul's Church, Lockhaven, would have made application at this time for union with the convention, but for an inadvertent omission to secure a charter of incorporation, which the canon makes previously necessary.

Report of the Rev. B. Wistar Morris, Rector of St. David's Church,  
Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 170 ; baptisms, adults 4, infants 52, total 56 ; communicants, died or removed 6, added 21, present number 149 ; marriages 5 ; burials 29 ; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 18, total 122 ; Sunday-school 1, teachers 22, pupils about 240 ; children catechized monthly ; collections, Con. Fund \$9 41, Poor of the Parish \$55, Domestic Missions \$20, Foreign Missions \$5, Sunday-school \$40, Schuylkill Convocation \$26 05, Bishop White Prayer-Book Society \$10, Norfolk sufferers \$108 50, Church Hospital \$9, Christmas Fund \$10, Church at St. Clair \$15, subscriptions to pay the debt of the church \$400, total \$707 94.

I am happy to report the parish now out of debt. The salary is \$750, which is always punctually paid.

Report of the Rev. Jacob B. Morss, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle,  
Cumberland County.

Congregation, families and parts of families 53, adults 110, children 120, total 230 ; baptisms, adult 1, infants 8, total 9 ; communicants, added 5, died or removed 6, present number 54 ; marriages 6 ; burials 5 ; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 48, total 152 ; children catechized monthly in the church ; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 3, pupils 30 ; female 1, teachers 4, pupils 35, total 65 ; collections,



Episcopal Fund \$10, Convention Fund \$8, Society for Advancement of Christianity \$16 50, Easter Church Building \$11 85, Christmas Fund \$11 51, missionary and other purposes \$150, total \$207 86.

Property of the church, the building and square ; free from debt. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$500, which is promptly paid.

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Report of the Rev. Henry J. Morton, D.D., Rector of St. James' Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, about 600 ; baptisms, adults 5, infants 54, total 59 ; confirmed 25 ; communicants, added 27, present number about 300 ; marriages 13 ; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 128, total 232 ; children catechized 100, times, during Lent, each Sunday ; Sunday-schools, teachers 24, pupils 148 ; Bible-class 1, members 10, teacher 1 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$60 64, Society for Advancement of Christianity \$229 71, Diocesan Missions \$187, missionary and other purposes \$1884 06, total \$2511 41.

The vestry purchased, this year, the three-story brick house adjoining the church, for \$9000, and, at considerable expense, adapted it to school purposes. The night-school for young men, reported in my last, has been continued with apparently great profit.

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$3000 ; no arrears.

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Report of the Rev. John K. Murphy, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, and St. John's Church, Concord, Delaware County.

CALVARY CHURCH, ROCKDALE.—Congregation, families removed 6, added 11, present number 77 ; baptisms, adults three, infants 19, total 23 ; confirmed 10 ; communicants, added 5, died or removed 8, present number 45 ; the class confirmed late in April have not yet had an opportunity of receiving their first communion ; marriages 8 ; funerals 9 ; public services, on Sundays 54, other days 55, total 109 ; children catechized, Sunday-school, monthly, parish-school weekly, during the summer season ; Sunday-school 1, teachers 13, pupils 125 ; parish week-day-school, pupils 40 ; collections, missions \$26 77, Church Hospital \$5, Norfolk sufferers \$10, Offertory \$45 91, other collections have been made, but used exclusively to defray the current expenses of the parish. Salary promised \$400, arrears about \$30.

The rector gratefully acknowledges, in connection with the last item, that the deficiency mentioned is much more than made up in other ways by the sympathy and substantial kindness of members

of this congregation and its zealous friends elsewhere. A parsonage for this parish has been begun during the present season, and if our hopes with regard to it are realized, we shall be able to report it next year, completed, occupied, and nearly, if not quite *paid* for. This work of love was undertaken, and has progressed thus far, mainly by the earnest and untiring efforts of a single devoted family in Philadelphia; the same family to which, under God, this parish is indebted, not only "for its foundation," but "for a long continuance of nursing care and protection."

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CONCORD.—Congregation, families 30; baptisms, adults 3, infants 3, confirmed 5; communicants, added 3, died or removed 3, present number 34; funerals 5; public services, on Sundays 48, other days 3, total 51; children of the parishioners catechized monthly; Sunday-school 1, teachers 3, pupils 17; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Portsmouth sufferers \$5, Offertory \$34 13, other collections for parochial objects chiefly \$26, subscribed for church improvements \$90, salary promised \$270, arrears for the last three years \$82 25.

There are many signs of hope of growth and of vigor, showing themselves in this beloved flock, which cannot appear upon the face of this report. Its pastor has very many reasons, in all his labors toward them, "to thank God and take courage."

Report of the Rev. George W. Natt, Rector of St. Andrew's Church,  
Mantua, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 35, adults 90, children 60, total 150; baptisms, adults 3, infants 39, total 42; confirmed 15; communicants, added 15, present number 47; marriages 3; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 92, other days 47, total 138; children catechized monthly; Sunday-school 1, teachers 13, pupils about 100; collections, Episcopal Fund \$4, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$4 87, missionary and other purposes \$112 25, total \$121 12; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$500; no arrears.

During a portion of the past year I was assisted by the Rev. G. B. Allinson. The condition of the parish has been gradually improving, and we trust that, by God's blessing, it will do good work.

Report of the Rev. Richard Newton, Rector of St. Paul's Church,  
Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 51, total 53; no confirmation, the time appointed falling just beyond the meeting of convention; communicants, present number 430; marriages 13; burials 16; public services, on Sunday 104, other days 210, total 314; children catechized every month; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 18, pupils 135, female 1, teachers 29, pupils 191, infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 125, total, schools 3, teachers 49, pupils 451; Bible-classes 2, members 43, teachers 2; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$30, Diocesan Missionary Society \$650; missionary and other purposes \$5,675 95; total \$6,355 95.

No other property owned by the parish except the church building and lot, and a lot in the Mount Moriah Cemetery. Amount of indebtedness of the church \$4000. Amount of salary \$2500, paid punctually and no arrears due.

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Report of the Rev. William Newton, Rector of the Church of the Holy  
Trinity, West Chester.

Congregation, families 48; baptisms, infants 3; communicants, added 6, died 3, removed 6, present number 75; there has been no visitation of the bishop since the last report; marriages 4; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 87, other days 12, total 99; lecture every Thursday night; children catechized every month; and missionary and other meetings every Sunday-afternoon; Sunday-school, male teachers 5, female 8, scholars about 100; Bible class, congregational, 40 members; communion alms \$189 96, missionary contribution \$550, Sunday-school for missions \$180, total \$919.

The church owns a rectory and a lot, formerly used for a graveyard. Rector's salary \$600, all paid. The rector is happy to state that all the interests of the church appear to be in a most prosperous condition. He thanks God and takes courage.

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Report of the Rev. William H. Paddock, Rector of Christ Church, Greensburg, and Calvary Church, Alleghany County, and District Missionary in Western Pennsylvania. The Rev. Fayette Durlin, Assistant Minister.

CHRIST CHURCH, GREENSBURG.—Congregation, families 35, adults 89, children 61, total 150; baptisms, adult 1, infants 14, total 15; confirmed 5; communicants, added 6, died or removed 3, present number 51; marriages 2; burials 2; public services every Sunday,

other days 6 ; children catechized frequently ; Sunday-school, teachers 7, pupils, males 17, females 23, total 40 (16 of whom are colored) ; collections, Sunday-school \$11 50, Convention Fund \$5 00, Alms \$40 19, Foreign Missions \$8, Diocesan Missions \$50, Christmas Fund \$5, benevolent objects within the parish \$50, parochial objects \$376 18, total \$545 87.

**CALVARY CHURCH, ALLEGHANY COUNTY.**—Congregation, families and parts of families 30, adults 48, children 125, total 173 ; baptisms, infants 3 ; confirmed 8 ; communicants, added 15, removed 1, present number 27 ; burials 2 ; public services every Sunday morning, other days 12 ; children catechized monthly ; Sunday-school, teachers 8, pupils on book, males 46, females 47, total 93, average attendance about 50 ; collections, Convention Fund \$7 44, Alms \$43 76 (\$4 of which Christmas Fund, and \$32 22 Norfolk Sufferers), parochial objects \$472 30, total \$523 50. The vestry have also purchased the church edifice in which the congregation has worshipped since the organization of the parish, above a year ago.

Judging by the past, our most sanguine hopes for this parish will be satisfied. With a large population not yet provided with the gospel, and with increasing elements of success in families of Pittsburg merchants settling here, it is not unreasonable to expect Calvary Church, with the blessing of God, will be, ere long, one of the prominent churches in Western Pennsylvania.

**ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, ETNA, ALLEGHANY COUNTY.**—Families 13, individuals 69 ; baptisms, infants 6 ; confirmed 16 ; communicants, added 16, present number 26 ; marriage 1 ; public services every Sunday afternoon ; Sunday-school, teachers 10, males 7, females 3, pupils, males 50, females 40, total 90, average attendance 60 ; collections, Sunday-school \$7 50, Convention Fund \$6 80, alms \$7 87, parochial objects \$209 26, total \$231 43.

This parish has increasing cause for gratitude for the Divine favor bestowed upon it during this first year of its existence. Not only have rich spiritual blessings followed a necessarily very limited labor in it, but the liberal mite of the poor has been united with the generous munificence of the rich to perpetuate these blessings in a house to be consecrated to His name. Chiefly through the liberality of Mr. C. F. Spang, a beautiful Gothic edifice with 300 sittings is to be erected during the season ; and thus ample present provision will be made for the Episcopal part of a population of 3000 souls, erroneously estimated in our last report at only 1000.

Your District Missionary, in addition to the duty above reported, has occasionally preached, held service, or administered the holy communion in Armstrong, Beaver, and Indiana counties.



Report of the Rev. W. H. Odenheimer, Rector of St. Peter's Church,  
Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 5, infants 105, total 110; confirmed 30; communicants added 37, died or removed 26, present number 389; marriages 21; burials 34; public services, on Sundays 107, other days 680, Christ Church Hospital 26, total 813; children catechized in the church on the last Sunday in the month, and on Fridays and holy days; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 6, pupils 40, female 1, teachers 25, pupils 150, infant 1, teachers 7, pupils 58, day-school 1, teacher 1, pupils 68; Bible, catechetical and colored classes 5, teachers 5, members 100; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$75, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$253. Statistics of parish, see report of 1855. St. Peter's House, sustained by a lady of the parish, continues to perform its charitable work. The rector, after a severe illness, was absent in Europe from June to October, and here records his gratitude to God for restoration to health, and his acknowledgment of the generous kindness of those friends who furthered his visit abroad.

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Report of the Rev. James J. Page, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville,  
Fayette County.

Congregation, families 50; baptisms, adults 2, infants 5, total 7; confirmed 11; communicants, added 15, removed 4, died 1, present number 50; marriages 3; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 120, other days 76, total 196; Sunday-schools 2, male teachers 9, female teachers 16, male pupils 53, female pupils 104, total, teachers 25, pupils 157; Bible-classes 3, teachers 3; collections, Convention Fund \$5 90, communion alms \$18 43, Domestic and Foreign Missions \$150 56; repairing parsonage and assisting to furnish the same \$169 (of this amount \$107 33 were contributed by the Ladies' Sewing Society), benevolent purposes \$72 13, (of this sum \$36 were sent to the Norfolk sufferers,) Sunday-school collections \$93 67, for the education of a Chinese girl \$20, Pennsylvania Bible Society \$42 75, total \$572 44.

The rector's salary is \$600 per annum. No arrears.

The church property consists in :—1. Parsonage, and garden, and sexton's house, and two lots, valued at \$4000. 2. The sum of \$2000 at interest upon landed security at six per cent. per annum.

The above report, as stated already, dates from February 1st, 1855,



the time of my taking charge of the parish, to May 1st, 1856. The parish is in a flourishing condition. Within the past few months the congregation have subscribed nearly \$8000 for the erection of a new church building.

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Report of the Rev. W. S. Perkins.

My health is not yet sufficient to enable me to preach regularly or to assume the responsibilities of a parish. I have preached occasionally within a few months, and have the prospect of being able to do more through the summer.

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Report of the Rev. H. N. Powers, Minister of St. John's Free Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County.

Baptisms, infants 10; confirmed 7; communicants, removed 3, present number 28; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 94, other days 1, total 95; number of children instructed in Sunday-school 200, (of which 35 are in the infant department,) number of teachers 25; collections, for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$34 32, missionary purposes \$21, total \$55 32.

I entered into this inviting field of labor early in July last. Our morning congregation is steadily increasing, and at evening service the church is filled. I have held cottage lectures once a week since September, and am thoroughly convinced of their benefit and importance. The Sunday-school, composed chiefly of children destitute of the ordinary advantages of education and home culture, is in a flourishing condition. I am glad to report the great interest and ability evinced by the teachers in this promising branch of the church's work. A class of young men, whose opportunities for improvement have been very limited, receive gratuitous instruction twice a week from a zealous and accomplished lady, who also conducts their recitations in the Sunday-school. On each Monday evening I meet the teachers and children for instruction in the gospels. These meetings are well attended and attract many who are not connected with us.

Respecting the church debt, I beg to refer to the report of the rector, Rev. Dr. Bowman.

Many pious persons, deeply interested in the success of the church's enterprise here, have afforded me most valuable assistance by their personal co-operation, which I desire thankfully to acknowledge. The prospects of the parish are eminently encouraging. My salary is \$600 and is punctually paid.

Report of the Rev. J. B. Pradt, Missionary to Christ Church, Coudersport, Potter County.

Families 21; baptisms 1 adult and 4 children; marriage 1; burials 2; communicants, received 7, present number 15.

A parish has been fully organized and now seeks admission to the Convention. Some difficulties at present exist in the way of building up a parish here, but it is hoped these will pass away. Measures are in contemplation for erecting a church.

I have extended services into various parts of this country, also to Smithport, the county-seat of the adjoining county of McKean, where are several communicants and several families who desire regular services.

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Report of the Rev. N. O. Preston, Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Philadelphia.

The congregation is composed of about 150 families; baptisms, adults 12, children 15, total 27; confirmed 21; communicants, added 42, died or removed 23, present number 241; marriages 7; burials 15; public services 63; children catechized monthly by the rector; Sunday-school, scholars 223; Infant Sunday-school 94; Young Men's Bible class 23; Young Ladies' Bible-class 18; Young Men's Bible Association 30, Young Ladies' Bible Association 12, total under instruction 400, teachers 27; collections, for missionary and charitable purposes \$497 16. The salary is \$1000, with a rectory.

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Report of the Rev. A. Prior, Rector of St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven, and Missionary at St. Clair and parts adjacent, Schuylkill County.

Congregation, families 35, adults 78, children 56, total 134; baptisms 10; no Episcopal visitation; communicants, added 3, removed 2, stricken off for long-continued neglect 4, present number 24; marriages 5; burials 2; public services 53; Bible-class 1, members 15; collections, Convention Fund \$3 50, Advancement Society \$21, Missionary and other purposes \$186. Statistics of parish same as last year.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES, ST. CLAIR. — Congregation, families 30, adults 65, children 70, total 135; baptisms 14; no Episcopal visitation; communicants 14; burials 4; public services 25; children catechized monthly; Sunday-schools 1, teachers 9, pu-

pils 20 ; Bible-class 1, members 12 ; collections, Convention Fund \$2 60, Bishop White Prayer-Book Society \$2 50, missionary and other purposes, including Building Fund, about \$800.

During the past year much of my time and labor have been diverted from appropriate ministerial work. Early last summer, at the earnest request of the vestry and congregation of the Church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair, I took the charge of that mission, including the superintendence and direction of the church building then in process of erection. The collecting of funds, as well as other labors necessary to bring this important enterprise to successful completion, devolved principally on myself, thus absorbing much of my time which had heretofore been devoted to missionary work in other parts of my allotted field. This church, which has been furnished at a cost of some twenty-five or six hundred dollars, is a neat, chaste, and commodious edifice, and will seat comfortably about four hundred persons. In completing it a debt of some four or five hundred dollars has been incurred, which we hope to be able to liquidate in the course of the ensuing summer. Weekly services are held here, and the congregation, composed mostly of miners and their families, is growing in numbers and interest. Of the \$2000 raised and appropriated to the building of the church, \$742 62 were collected in St. Clair, \$669 50 in Pottsville, mostly from Trinity Church, Pottsville, \$583 out of the coal region ; the two last items having been duly acknowledged through the columns of the *Banner of the Cross* and *Episcopal Recorder*.

With some intermissions, I have continued to officiate every second Sunday afternoon at Heckersville, in Cass township, but, in consequence of the necessity of more frequent services at St. Clair, I shall be obliged, with much regret, to discontinue my labors here. The condition and prospects of this mission are about the same as last year.

My salary for the past year has been about \$550, including \$183 received through the missionary Society of Trinity Church, Pottsville.

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Report of Rev. C. W. Quick, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany,  
Pittsburg, Alleghany County.

Baptisms, infants 11 ; marriages 6 ; funerals 7 ; communicants, died 1, removed 9, added 8, present number 95 ; public services, on Sundays 112, on other occasions 7, total 119 ; Sunday-school teachers 12, average number of scholars in attendance every Sunday 75. Collections for charitable purposes \$124 76.

Report of Rev. Samuel Randall, late Rector of St. James' Church, Pittsburg.

Having been compelled by the state of my health to resign the charge of St. James' Church, Pittsburg, I may report to the 10th of April, when my connection with the parish ceased.

Families, about 70 ; baptisms, infants 28, adults 3, total 31 ; confirmed 16 ; burials 11 ; communicants about 75.

In addition to the regular public services on Sundays, &c., the rector has held week-day evening services in private houses the past winter. These services have been well attended, and the people have taken a deep interest in them.

The new, large and beautiful edifice in which St. James' congregation is now worshipping, was opened on the 14th of October. The increase of the congregation has been highly satisfactory, considering the long-continued severity of the past winter. The parish presents a most inviting field to an earnest-minded minister.

The Sunday-school remains in much the same condition as last reported. A parish library has been commenced. There have been contributed for missionary and kindred purposes \$62 90. The contributions of the congregation have necessarily been much absorbed the past year in furnishing the church.

Report of the Rev. George B. Reese, Minister of St. Mark's Church, New Milford, Susquehanna County, and of Grace Church, Lodersville.

Congregation, families 35, adults 80, children 55, total 135 ; baptisms, infant 1, adult 1, total 2 ; communicants, died 3, removed 1, present number 36 ; marriage 1 ; burials 2 ; public services (since August 12th, when the present incumbent entered on his duties,) on Sundays 39, on other days 16, total 55 ; Sunday-school teachers 7, scholars 40 ; collections, Foreign Missions \$10 ; Advancement Society \$15, Convention Fund \$3 50, other purposes \$6 07, Sunday-school, for Foreign Missions \$10, the ladies by a sale and supper for the enlargement of church edifice \$158, total \$202 57.

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$200 ; arrears none.

GRACE CHURCH, LODERVILLE.—Families 20, adults 50, children 28, total 78 ; communicants, added 2, present number 8 ; services, on Sundays 42, other days 8, total 50 ; collections, Foreign Missions \$5, other purposes \$18. With the kind assistance of friends from abroad, \$260 have been paid towards the completion of the church edifice.



Report of Rev. William Porter Ray, late Rector of St. James' Church,  
Downingtown, Chester County.

Congregation, families 40, adults 136 ; baptisms 7 ; present number of communicants 44 ; burials 3 ; public services on Sundays 52 ; on other days 2 ; Sunday-schools, male teachers 2, pupils 18, female teachers 7, pupils 34 ; infant school, teachers 2, pupils 16 ; Bible-class, members 10.

Debt on the church \$350, on the rectory \$650. The salary of the rector is \$400 per annum, and is paid regularly in advance.

In the month of April I held a missionary service in the Friends' Meeting-house at Longwood, near Kennett Square. A liberal spirit prevails among the Friends in that section of the country, and a general desire is manifested to obtain a more familiar acquaintance with the principles and doctrines of the church.

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Report of Abel Reed, Warden of the Church of the Advent.

Baptisms, adults 11, infants 34, total 45 ; confirmed 20 ; communicants, added 31, died or removed 25, present number 231 ; marriages for two years (omitted to report last year) 28 ; burials 15 ; children catechized monthly ; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 13, pupils 80, female 1, teachers 16, pupils 140, infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 80, total, schools 3, teachers 31, pupils 300 ; Bible-class 1, pupils 10 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$20, Convention Fund \$20, Foreign Missions \$121, Episcopal Missionary Association for the West \$69 68, Diocesan Missions \$51 73, American Sunday-school Union \$148, other purposes \$1420 72, total \$1851 13 ; Church debt, ground rent \$5,333 33, mortgage 3,000, total \$8,333 33 ; salary \$1,500, paid punctually.

The late worthy and much esteemed rector, Samuel A. Clark, after laboring earnestly and faithfully with us for nearly eight years, left us on the first of April, having been called to another field of labor.

The parish is still vacant, but the vestry (relying upon divine aid,) hope soon to be able to fill the vacancy by electing a suitable person as rector.

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Report of Rev. William Henry Rees, Rector of Christ (Swedes') Church,  
Upper Merion, Montgomery County.

Baptisms, infants 8 ; communicants, added 7, died 1, present number 69 ; marriages 4 ; burials 8 ; public services on Sundays 50, other days 4, total 54 ; children catechized 21, times 7 ; Sunday-school, teach-



ers 9, pupils 50 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$3 40, missionary and other purposes \$58 20, total \$61 60.

A year has just elapsed since the present rector took the charge of this parish, during which he has been confined by sickness nearly six months. Owing to the kindness of his clerical brethren, the services, excepting on two Sundays, have been uninterrupted. The attendance on Sundays is improving. Many of the descendants of the Swedes having removed from the vicinity of the church, their places are being supplied by others, and especially by English operatives from the surrounding factories. By the munificence of a gentleman, himself a Swede, an excellent and good-toned bell has been placed in the church-tower. Our venerable church building is in a very sorry condition ; but the hope is entertained that the vestry may be incited, during the summer, to substantially repair and beautify it.

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Report of the Rev. J. Reynolds, Missionary at Mont Alto, Franklin County, and Christ Church, Adams County.

Mont Alto is a mining district, and a beautiful little church has been erected there through the exertions principally of a pious and devoted female. The Sabbath services are well attended, but the support of the missionary depends entirely upon the family at the mansion, and what assistance can be obtained from the Missionary Board and the friends of the church in Philadelphia.

The missionary, in addition to the regular services, has conducted a weekly lecture, and has also preached occasionally at the neighboring villages. He has performed one funeral service, and baptized four children.

Christ Church, Petersburg, has also been visited occasionally. The congregation is encouraging in its attendance, and has been partially served by the Rev. Dr. Marsden, who resides in the neighborhood. The severity of the winter has interfered with the regular visits of the missionary, as the distance is upwards of 30 miles.

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Report of the Rev. James W. Robins.

Since the last meeting of Convention, he has been engaged in performing the duties of his office in connection with the parish of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, until the beginning of the present year, as assistant to the rector, and since that time, as assistant minister of the parish.

Report of Rev. John Rodney, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown,  
Rev. Cyrus F. Knight, Assistant Minister.

Families 120, numbering about 700 persons; communicants, added 35, deceased 12, total 238; baptisms 40, of whom 3 were adults; confirmed 7; burials 12; marriages 4; Sunday-schools, which are highly prosperous, contained at last report, 229 pupils, under the tuition of 23 teachers and 1 superintendent; children regularly catechized; collections, for various objects and charities about \$600. The congregation has also instituted a free mission chapel, and placed it under the pastoral care of the Rev. William N. Diehl. They have raised for this special object about \$1150, of which \$500 was raised by the Ladies' Association for the Building Fund, the rest for rent of hall and support of the missionary.

Total amount collected for all purposes, \$1750. The Rev. Cyrus F. Knight has officiated during the year as assistant minister, with an earnest zeal in the discharge of his duties, and with general acceptance to the people.

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Report of Rev. Joel Rudderow, Rector of the Church of the Messiah,  
Port Richmond, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 79; baptisms, adults 2, infants 29, total 31; confirmed 19; communicants, added 21, died or removed 5, present number 59; marriages 3; burials 13; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 49, total 153; Sunday-school, teachers 6, pupils 70; special collections, Diocesan Church Building \$3 50, Diocesan Missionary Society \$8 76, Norfolk and Portsmouth sufferers \$13, Foreign Missions \$5 25, Episcopal Hospital \$10 63, Missionary Association for the West \$10 30, Christmas Fund \$8 40, Convention Fund \$3 63, Episcopal Fund \$6 75, other purposes \$288 85, total \$360 57.

The difference in the number of communicants as reported this year and last, is to be accounted for by certain names of persons who have several times communed within the past year having been included in this report, which were dropped last year, and which were then spoken of as persons who had ceased to commune.

The Sunday-school in this parish is less flourishing than it was last year. We have lost many children for the want of a sufficient number of competent teachers to take charge of them.

In other respects the parish is in a much more prosperous condition than it has ever been before.

Report of Rev. Peter Russell, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, and St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill, Carbon County.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, MAUCH CHUNK.—Congregation, families 30, adults 70, children 80, total 150 ; baptisms, adult 1, infants 15, total 16 ; confirmed 2 ; communicants, added 2, omitted from list 1, total 28 ; marriages 3 ; burials 6 ; public services, on Sundays 66, at Nesquehoning 20, other days 14, total 106 ; Sunday-school 1, teachers 10, pupils 80 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$2, Convention Fund \$2, Christmas Fund \$6 50, Church Building \$5 50, Memorial Church \$20, Advancement Society \$10, other purposes \$80, total \$126.

Salary \$300 ; arrears \$75. A special donation of \$100 was contributed by the congregation and friends during the winter. No change in property belonging to the church.

A portion of the services reported above were performed by the Rev. B. S. Smyser, since his ordination last November.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, SUMMIT HILL.—Congregation, families 25, adults 60, children 75, total 135 ; baptisms, children 5 ; communicants, added 3, died 1, removed 3, omitted from list 1, present number 28 ; marriage 1 ; burials 4 ; public services, on Sundays 48, other days 4 ; Sunday-school 1, teachers 6, pupils 60 ; collections, Convention Fund \$1 50, Memorial Church \$3, Christmas Fund \$3 50, Advancement Society \$4 30, other purposes \$40, total \$52.

This parish has met with severe losses the past year in the removal of some of its most efficient and useful members to other places.

Report of the Rev. Samuel B. Seaman, Assistant Minister of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

On the 13th of February last I was admitted by the Rt. Rev. Alfred Lee, to the office of a deacon. Since that time I have been connected with St. Stephen's Church, of this city, as assistant minister. I have performed and assisted in the public services of the church as required, ministered to the wants of the destitute, visited the sick, buried two persons, and have been daily engaged in parochial visiting and in the instruction of the children of the parish.

Report of Rev. Alexander Shiras, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill.

Families 11, adults 26, children 22, total 48 ; besides these, there are, of summer residents from Philadelphia, families 9, including

adults 24, children 16, total 40; baptisms, adult 1, children 9, total 10; communicants, added 3, besides two who have rejoined after some years abstinence from communion, removed 1, present number, exclusive of mere summer residents connected with city churches 17; marriages none; burials none; public services, twice on each Sunday, on all the principal festivals and fasts, and once every week; Sunday-school, children, male 10, female 20, total 30, teachers, male 2, female 4, total 6; Bible-class on the Sunday Lessons of the Church 20; amount of offerings for benevolent purposes \$184; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$800 and a house; arrearages, none. The parish is yet in its first infancy, having been organized only in June last; but there is a fair prospect of a steady and healthful growth. The worshippers have met for the past year in a hired hall, but the vestry have lately secured a beautiful church lot, and are erecting on it a beautiful Gothic chapel, 50 by 26 feet, to accommodate 250 persons. This, it is thought, will serve as a church for two or three years, when a larger congregation can erect for themselves a larger building, and use this for a Sunday-school and lecture-room; perhaps, eventually, for a parish-school.

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Report of Rev. J. Brinton Smith, Rector of St. James' Church, Kingsessing, Philadelphia County.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 7, total 8; confirmed 5; communicants, added 7, removed 7, present number 87; marriages 9; burials 13; public services, on Sundays 98, other days 35, total 133; children catechized, times 7; collections, Episcopal Fund \$17, Convention Fund \$5 28, Norfolk and Portsmouth sufferers \$156 57, Episcopal Hospital \$64 92, Sunday-school \$52 31, other purposes \$145 90, total \$441 98; statistics of parish as last reported; salary of clergyman punctually paid.

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Report of Rev. Richard Smith, Rector of St. Luke's, Chartiers, and Grace Church, Mount Washington, Alleghany County.

Congregation, families 28; baptisms, adults 2, infants 5, total 7; communicants, removed 2, present number 26; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 70, other days 9, total 79; children catechized frequently; Sunday-schools 2; collections, Convention Fund \$4 50, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$4, Disabled Clergymen \$3, Diocesan Missionary Society \$5, total \$16 50; the children at Mount Washington have contributed to the Home Missions, I know not the exact amount.



I have, during the past year, labored in my two parishes as often as circumstances would allow, not so much as needed for the growth of the parishes, yet not without encouragement. The congregations have steadily improved, especially at Mount Washington, a good Sunday-school well attended. The long, severe winter has somewhat impeded our progress, and prevented the other congregation from attending church. Yet I see no room for doubt of success. Having been compelled to resign my station from age and infirmities, (having all the week to attend to the duties of a city missionary,) I trust, when placed in the hands of a younger man, the seed already sown, with what may follow, will appear to the glory of God and the increase of His church.

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Report of the Rev. B. R. Smyser, Deacon.

The undersigned, since his ordination, has been engaged in teaching a classical and mathematical school for boys, in Mauch Chunk. In addition, he has also officiated every Sunday at Mauch Chunk, Summit Hill, or adjacent parishes, under the supervision of Rev. Mr. Russell.

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Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, Montgomery County.

Congregation, families about 110; baptisms 11; confirmed 6; communicants, added 10, died or removed 8, present number 110; marriages 15; burials 13; public services, on Sundays 97, other days 35, total 132; Sunday-school 1, teachers 29, pupils 160; collections, Episcopal Fund \$7 74, Convention Fund \$7, Missionary and other purposes \$350, total \$364 74.

Property, statistics and salary, same as last year.

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Report of the Rev. William Bacon Stevens, D.D., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 340, total about 1400; baptisms, adults 4, infants 27, total 31; communicants, added 30, died or removed 23, present number 649; marriages 14; burials 17; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 45, total 145; Sunday-schools, male 2, teachers 17, pupils 140, female 2, teachers 27, pupils 300, infant 2, teachers 3, pupils 150, total, schools 6, teachers 47, pupils 590;



Bible-classes 2, members 63, teachers 2; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$100, Diocesan Missionary Society \$1000, Missionary and other purposes \$7200, total \$8450.

Property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, sexton's house; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish \$2000; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$3000. No arrears.

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Report of the J. A. Stone, Rector of Calvary Church, Tamaqua, Schuylkill County.

Congregation, families 40, adults 100, children 72, total 172; baptisms, infants 5; confirmed, there has been no visitation this year; communicants, added 4, died or removed 5, present number 31; marriages 4; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 68, total 172; children catechized 60, times 15; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 8, pupils 35, infant 1, teacher 1, pupils 35, total, schools 2, teachers 9, pupils 70; Bible-classes 2, members 15, teachers 2; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Diocesan Missionary Society \$10, Foreign Missions \$4, Domestic Missions \$4, Sunday-school offerings, for Africa \$11 76, for Sunday-school \$9 56, for Schuylkill Convocation \$10 16, parochial collections \$48 97, communion offerings \$26 24, for an organ and expenses \$350, infant school-room \$45, parochial library \$4 50, total \$525 19.

No other property than the church building and lot owned by the parish; no indebtedness of the church of the parish; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive from the parish \$400; arrears \$45.

During the past year the congregation has increased in numbers, although we have suffered from the frequent changes ever taking place in this region; and the attendance at church has been better than at any time since I took charge of the parish, while an increased interest seems to be felt in all that pertains to the general welfare and prosperity of the church.

In spiritual things we have no room for boasting, but rather of sorrowing; yet we are glad to know that all is peace and harmony among us and that the work of the gospel does not fail of bringing forth some of its legitimate fruits.

In temporal things, in accomplishing works for the general advantage of the parish, much has been done in proportion to our means. During the past year a very excellent organ, obtained in Philadelphia on terms unusually favorable, has been purchased from the proceeds

of a fair held last September by the faithful and energetic ladies of the parish, assisted by a few friends from abroad.

A new infant school-room has been erected, chiefly by the aid of friends in Philadelphia, for the sole and separate use of small children, whereby their attendance at school is secured and a more systematic course of instruction given and far greater good accomplished. This school (the only one of the kind in this region) is placed under the charge of the rector's wife and is in a highly flourishing condition, and promises much for the little ones of the church.

Also, during the year past, a new parochial library has been established for the free use of the congregation, and is opened weekly on Sunday afternoons. Many of the congregation avail themselves of this valuable auxiliary in aiding the work of the ministry.

Report of the Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 200, adults 580, children 620, total 1200 ; baptisms, adults 19, infants 15, total 34 ; confirmed 32 ; communicants, added 3, died or removed 35, present number 510 ; marriages 11 ; burials 12 ; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 90, total 194 ; children catechized monthly ; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 20, pupils 120, female 1, teachers 29, pupils 170, infant 1, teachers 1, pupils 64, total, schools 3, teachers 3, pupils 354 ; Bible-classes 3, members 69, teachers 3 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$50, Diocesan Missionary Society \$850, missionary and other purposes \$4500, total \$4700.

Property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish none ; no indebtedness of the church of the parish ; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$2500 ; no arrears.

The rector of this parish desires to record his thankfulness to Almighty God for the cheering manifestations of Divine grace which have been extended to the field of his labors during the past year. The bestowal of spiritual blessings has been appropriately responded to by the congregation in a spirit of liberality which has removed several thousand dollars of debt from the corporation and left us free from all pecuniary obligations.

Report of the Rev. M. R. Talbot, Chaplain in the United States Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia.

It was my purpose to have attended the Convention this year, but it was, to my surprise, over before I was aware of its assembling, being under the impression that the meeting was on the third Tuesday of May.

Since my last report I have baptized 5 officers of the navy, 4 seamen; buried about 50 officers and men; marriages 5; confirmations, 3 seamen of the navy. These confirmations were in this hospital. The duty was performed by Bishop Meade, who, at my request, visited us for this purpose.

I have reason to rejoice in the interest felt by the seamen of my present charge on the subject of their soul's salvation. Within the last six or eight weeks there is an increasing disposition on their part to attend the worship of Almighty God. I have service every Sunday, and visit them frequently during the week.

Report of the Rev. Charles West Thomson, Rector of St. John's Church, York, York County.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 4, total 5; confirmed none; communicants, added 1, died or removed 7, present number 65; marriages 3; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 96, other days 26, total 122; children catechized 11 times; Sunday-school, male teachers 3, scholars 14, female teachers 9, scholars 23, infant-school, teacher 1, scholars 10, total schools 2, teachers 13, scholars 47; collections, for missionary and other purposes \$83 18.

Besides the church building and lot there is owned by the parish a piece of ground opposite the church, on which are erected a parsonage and a small building used for lectures and Sunday-school purposes. Our indebtedness has been reduced to about \$200. The rector's salary is \$700.

Report of the Rev. George E. Thrall.

As Assistant Minister of the Church of the Epiphany, I have, during the past year, preached there and elsewhere 82 times, officiated at 3 marriages, 4 infant baptisms, and 15 funerals.

Report of the Rev. R. S. Trapier, Rector of Seamen's Mission Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families about 50, adults 65, children 57, total about 22; baptisms, adult 1, infants 17, total 18; confirmed 11; communicants, added 12, died or removed about 20, present number about 65; marriages 5; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 106, other days 2,\* total 108; children catechized several times; Sunday-

\* Owing to the nature of the room, it is impracticable to have services except on Sunday or some general holiday.

schools, male 1, teachers 1, pupils 10, female 1, teachers 2, pupils 25, total, schools 2, teachers 3, pupils about 35; collections, missionary and other purposes \$25 25.

Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$1000; no arrears.

The condition of the mission is quite as encouraging as can reasonably be expected. Until a suitable edifice is erected it is vain to hope for any increased attendance. A place of worship so uncomfortable, obscure, hard to find, and uninviting, cannot attract a class of people not used to attend the service of the church. That those who have connected themselves with the congregation do not desert it, and that each year some additions are made, is a source of thankfulness and ground of encouragement. The congregation must always be fluctuating and unsteady, both because it is composed of wanderers and because the seats being free, one of the elements of a parish is wanting. The mission is free for strangers and the homeless, and they must, of necessity, be irregular in their attendance.

I devoutly hope that the time will not be much prolonged when a suitable building will be erected, and that, under the Divine blessing, more may be done for the sailor by the church in Philadelphia.

Report of the Rev. Henry Tullidge, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, Columbia County.

Congregation, families 64, adults 150, children 112, total 262; baptisms, infants 7; communicants, added 4, died or removed 5, present number 80; marriages 4; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 106, other days 30, total 136; children catechized frequently; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 8, pupils 70, infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 40; Bible-class 1, members 15; collections, Episcopal Fund \$4, Convention Fund \$6 30, missionary and other purposes \$89 32, total \$99 62.

Property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, a rectory and also another house and lot worth \$500 or \$600; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish about \$700; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$600 and rectory; no arrears.

Report of the Rev. Dudley A. Tyng, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 300, adults 1000, children 1200, total 2200; baptisms, adults 5, infants 33, total 38; confirmed 28; communicants, added 59, died or removed 26, present number 513; marriages 10;



burials 30 ; public services, on Sundays 109, other days 97, total 206 ; Sunday-schools, male 1, teachers 24, pupils 162, female 1, teachers 30 ; pupils 234, infant 2, teachers 2, pupils 142, total, schools 4, teachers 56, pupils 538 ; Bible-classes 3, members 70, teachers 3 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$150, Convention Fund \$50, total \$10,000. Property other than church building and lot owned by the parish, sinking fund invested, par value \$25,000, cash do. \$22,000. Amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, ground rent \$26,400, other debts \$18,000. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$3000.

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Report of the Rev. E. M. Van Deusen, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburg.

Congregation, families 70, adults 200, children 160, total 360 ; baptisms, adults 13, infants 39, total 52 ; confirmed 33 ; communicants, added 62, died or removed 21, present number 141 ; marriages 8 ; burials 9 ; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 200, total 300 ; children catechized, times 50 ; Sunday-school 1, teachers 16, pupils 130 ; Bible-class 1, members 60, teacher the rector ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$23, missionary and other purposes \$820, total \$843.

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Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt.

Since the last Convention I have read prayers 24 times ; preached 30 times ; administered the Holy Communion 7 times ; baptized 2 children ; solemnized 2 marriages ; and attended to my duties as Professor of Oriental languages in Burlington College, N. J., and Secretary of the "Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America."

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Report of the Rev. Alexander Varian, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford County.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 6 total 8 ; confirmed 16 in the parish church, and 3 others belonging to the parish, 2 in Erie and 1 in Franklin, total 19 ; communicants, added 12 ; present number 98 ; marriages 4 ; burials 8 ; public services, on Sundays 96, other days 27, total 126 ; children catechized in the church the first Sunday in each month ; Sunday-school, male and female together, teachers 6, pupils 60 ; Bible-class, 8 members under care of the rector ; collections, alms, missionary and other purposes \$57 11 ; this sum does not include the Sunday morning collections for contingent expenses of the



parish. Property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, Sunday-school house on church lot. Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$500; the salary has been reduced \$100 since March 25, 1856, on the ground of inability to raise the former sum of \$600; arrears of salary, \$62 on the last half year unpaid.

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Report of the Rev. John A. Vaughan.

I have preached during the year 32 times; married 1 couple; and aided frequently in the service, and in administering the Communion.

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Report of the Rev. D. Washburn, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill County.

Congregation, families 120, adults 275, children 350, total 625; baptisms, adults 7, infants 71, total 78; confirmed 24; communicants, added 20, died or removed 9, present number 122; marriages 16; burials 25; public services, on Sundays 130, other days 125, total 255; Sunday-schools, at the parish church 1, male teachers 10, male pupils 156, female teachers 34, female pupils 165, branch schools 3, teachers 12, pupils 105, total, schools 4, teachers 56, pupils 426, collections, Episcopal Fund \$14 20, Convention Fund \$17 23, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$23 48; Diocesan Missionary Society \$55, Christmas Fund \$13 32, Thanksgiving Collection \$18 13, Domestic Missions \$27 54, Foreign Missions \$50, Schuylkill Convocation \$10 56, Church building \$21 75, for our Sunday-schools \$24 28, total collections \$220 54 for specific purposes, besides which are the communion offerings of \$61, appropriated to the relief of the needy, and Sunday collections \$613 08 for incidental expenses, making the sum total \$894 62 as collections proper, independent of the collections in the Sunday-school, which, added thereto, would increase the sum upwards of \$1000.

The Missionary Society is in successful operation, contributing annually several hundred dollars, most of which has thus far been appropriated to the Rev. A. Prior, missionary in parts adjacent to Pottsville. The Parish Library and Prayer-Book Association has a collection of books now numbering between 150 and 200 volumes.

Further contributions have been made during the year towards the Church at St. Clair, which we last reported as under roof, and has since been completed.

Subscriptions of members of the congregation to the County Bible

Society are continued, and donations of Bibles and Testaments by the rector and of Prayer Books by him and the Prayer-Book Association for distribution.

A new chancel window, at an expense of \$500, the gift of the Hon. Francis W. Hughes, has just been erected. This rich and beautiful ornament of the church is the work of H. Sharp, of New York. Its emblematic character, we trust, will subserve the high purpose of Christian instruction. It presents the cross in light as its centre, irradiated from the emblem of the Trinity above, and surmounted with the motto, "In this was manifested the love of God." At its base it has the altar of burnt-sacrifice, with the Paschal Lamb at the left angle and wheat sheaves at the right, over which are the eucharistic cup and paten and the evangelical declaration, "By grace ye are saved through faith."

The income of pew rents the last year was \$1862 94, and the salary of the rector, \$1300, is punctually paid by the treasurer, A. Russel, Esq.

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Report of the Rev. William White, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Butler, Butler County.

Congregation, families 43, adults 84, children 126, total 184; baptisms, children 21; confirmed 10; communicants, added 10, present number 59; marriages 2; burials 2; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 15, total 115; children catechized weekly; Sunday-school 1, teachers 6, children 42; collections, Convention Fund \$5, Advancement Society \$7 25, missionary and other purposes \$66 63, total \$73 88; church property, church building; salary of clergyman \$300.

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Report of the Rev. H. T. Wilcoxson, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Fayette County.

Number of communicants upon my assuming charge of the parish on the 1st of February last 41, removed 1, added 2, present number 42; baptisms, children 4; confirmed 3; marriage 1; Sunday-school 1, teachers 7, scholars 40; services in the church every Sabbath morning regularly and in the evening of two Sabbaths in each month, besides every Wednesday afternoon.

I also officiated every Sabbath evening for the three months previous to taking charge of the parish, *i. e.*, during the vacancy of the parish, and while I was Rector of Trinity Church, Connellsville.

Report of the Rev. H. T. Wilcoxon, Rector of Grace Church, Menallen Township, Fayette County.

Congregation, families 8; communicants 6; Sunday-school scholars 35; services have been regularly held twice in each month, with very encouraging attendance since the 1st of February last, when I entered upon duty as rector of the parish.

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Report of the Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 200, adults 550, children 250, total 800; baptisms, infants 30, adults 5; confirmed 28; marriages 5; funerals 8; communicants, added 37, present number 250; Sunday-schools and Bible-classes 6, pupils 175; public services, on Sundays 104, on other days 650; collections, for various Church Societies \$1653 71, offertory at communion \$738 90, other weekly collections in Church \$693 39, total \$3086; rector's salary \$2250; assistant's salary \$600; no arrears.

Entire cost of church edifice, school houses and grounds \$86,500; amount of indebtedness paid off during the past year \$1600; present indebtedness in form of ground rent, &c., \$19,500. Measures are still in progress to reduce annually the amount of the indebtedness.

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Report of the Rev. John Williamson, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pittsburg.

Congregation, families 30; baptisms, infants 11; communicants, died or removed 7, present number 37; marriages 9; burials 6; Sunday-school 1, teachers 11, scholars 80; collections, for missionary and other purposes \$80; salary \$250, paid in full.

During the past year the church has undergone repairs to the amount of \$184, and with its lot is free of debt. The present incumbent took charge of the parish April 1st, having previously officiated as assistant to the former rector, so that the regular services have been kept up without intermission.

He has also to report that he officiated at Trinity Church, Freeport, and Lockport and Leechburg, Armstrong County, up to Nov. 1, 1855.

From Nov. 1st he assisted the Rev. R. Smith, and officiated at St. Andrew's and St. James' churches, Pittsburg.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas W. Winchester, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, Chester County.

Baptisms, infants 8; marriages 2; funerals 6; communicants, present number 20; public services, on Sundays in the church 62, other

days 4, at other points on Sundays 15, total 81; Sunday-school, pupils male and female from 25 to 30, teachers 4; collections, Episcopal Fund \$3 78, Convention Fund \$3 50, Diocesan Missionary Society \$3 50, Foreign Missions \$3 50, salary \$400 per annum, and paid with a tolerable degree of regularity.

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Report of the Rev. Henry W. Woods, late Rector of Trinity Church, Maylandville, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families and parts of families 40; baptisms, infants 6; communicants, present number 61; marriages 3; burials 6; public services, on Sundays 110, other days 30, total 140; Sunday-schools, male 2, teachers 9, pupils 60, female 2, teachers 11, pupils 75, total 155; Bible-class 1, members 10, teacher 1; collections, Christmas Fund \$10 33, Episcopal Missionary Association for the West \$12 77, Church Hospital \$25, for the Sunday-school library and gift books \$110 46; sufferers in Norfolk and Portsmouth \$34 38, Communion Alms \$49 43.

Some objects outside of the parish have been aided by money solicited and passed over by the rector, but no record having been made the amounts cannot now be accurately stated. This church has no property but the church building and lot; there is no debt upon it. Clergyman's salary \$1200, punctually and fully paid. Many of those who worshipped at Trinity Church are now engaged in building a new church in West Philadelphia, called the Church of the Saviour. On the 1st of May my connection with Trinity Church as rector ceased, and I became rector of the new Church of the Saviour, the congregation of which is now worshipping in the Commissioners' Hall. We are now engaged in erecting a commodious church edifice of brown stone, the cost of which will be about \$20,000. We are now in a state of transition, and hope soon to be enjoying the convenience of our new church. If the Lord should give us his blessing we hope to be able to realize all the anticipations which have been cherished with regard to our enterprise.

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Report of the Rev. E. P. Wright, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook.

Congregation, about 200; baptisms, infants 2; communicants, about 18; public services, on Sundays 34, other days 9, total 43; burials 2; collections, Convention Fund \$2, General Domestic Missions \$2 75. Norfolk sufferers \$15, other purposes about \$14, total \$33 75. Property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish,



none ; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, none ; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$200.

This parish has suffered during the past year a very great loss, in the death of two of its vestrymen, and it is now in a pecuniary point of view in a feeble state. May I not be permitted to bespeak for it the kindly consideration of one or other of the diocesan missionary organizations? If a little aid was now extended toward them, and they had a self-denying and working single man among them, I have not the smallest doubt but that the congregation would soon be flourishing and self-sustaining. They have never, in the twenty years of the existence of the parish, had the morning service, consequently the church, in all her beauty and adaptation to the wants of men, has never been fairly presented to the people. I leave them with the greatest regret, and with many prayers for their temporal and spiritual welfare.

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Report of the Rev. E. P. Wright, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea,  
Chester County.

Congregation, families and parts of families 56, adults 164, children 71, total 235 ; baptisms, adult 1, infants and children 19, total 20 ; confirmed 5 ; communicants, added 2, died or removed 4, present number 48 ; marriage 1 ; burial 1 ; public services, on Sundays 40, other days 25, total 65 ; children catechized monthly ; Sunday-school, male 1, teachers 4, pupils 20, female 1, teachers 5, pupils 30, infant 1, teachers 2, pupils 38, total schools 3, teachers 11, pupils 88 ; collections, Episcopal Fund \$3 85, Convention Fund \$1 20, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$28, Norfolk sufferers \$54 75, missionary and other purposes \$74 66, total \$162 46 ; property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, see previous reports ; amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish, none ; amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive \$500 ; arrears of salary none.

Besides the Sunday-schools above reported, I have much satisfaction in stating that a lady has established a school for the benefit of the children of the employees at Brooke Forge, the residence of her father. The present number of scholars is about 20 ; which added to the number attending at the church makes 108 children enjoying the great privilege of Sunday-school teaching in this parish.

Having resigned the charge of this parish, to take effect on the 1st of June, I desire to acknowledge my devout thankfulness to Almighty God for the measure of success he has vouchsafed upon my feeble minis-



trations during the past two years. The Sunday-school has increased greatly in interest, and in numbers fourfold. The church offerings during the past year exhibit a very great advance, in the total, upon former years. And the church building has been thoroughly painted by the vestry ; and it has been also refurnished, principally through the exertions of a member of the rector's family. I cannot close without expressing my fervent prayer that the good work may go on and prosper ; and above all, that every member of this parish may grow in grace and in the saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas C. Yarnall, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Hamilton, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 48, adults 110, children 115, total 225 ; baptisms, infants 10 ; communicants, added 3, died or removed 25, present number 87 ; marriages 4 ; burials 6 ; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 73, total 173 ; collections, Norfolk and Portsmouth sufferers \$87, Church Hospital \$32 50, Christmas Fund \$20 30, Hamilton Dorcas Society \$26 68, Domestic Missions (Texas \$67 05, Ohio \$15) \$82 05, Episcopal Fund \$13, Convention Fund \$6 04, Communion Alms \$128 80 ; in addition to these collections the sum of \$1300 have been contributed and expended for repairs to the church building and for church furniture, total \$1696 77. The amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive is \$800, with the use of the parsonage. The church is entirely free from debt.

# List of the Congregations

OF THE

## DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

### ADAMS COUNTY.

Christ Church, Huntingdon township,	Admitted	1785
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### ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Pittsburg,	do.	1818
St. Paul's Church, Pittsburg,	do.	1832
Christ Church, Alleghany City,	do.	1836
St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburg,	do.	1838
St. James' Church, Pittsburg,	do.	1852
Grace Church, Mount Washington,	do.	1852
St. Luke's Church, Chartier's Creek,	do.	1852
Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburg,	do.	1853
St. Philip's Church, Manchester,	do.	1853
St. Mark's Church, Birmingham,	do.	1853
Calvary Church, East Liberty,	do.	1855

### ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Kittanning,	do.	1829
Trinity Church, Freeport,	do.	1840

### BEAVER COUNTY.

Georgetown Church, Georgetown,	do.	1814
St. Paul's Church, Ohio township,	do.	1845
Christ Church, New Brighton,	do.	1852

### BERKS COUNTY.

St. Gabriel's Church, Morlatten,	do.	1785
Christ Church, Reading,	do.	1824
St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown,	do.	1825
St. Michael's Church, Birdsboro',	do.	1854
St. John's Church, Reading,	do.	1854

## BRADFORD COUNTY.

St. Matthew's Church, Pike,	Admitted	1814
Christ Church, Towanda,	do.	1844
St. Paul's Church, Troy,	do.	1845

## BUCKS COUNTY.

St. James the Greater Church, Bristol,	do.	1785
St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville,	do.	1835
St. Luke's Church, Newtown,	do.	1835
Grace Church, Hulmeville,	do.	1837
Trinity Church, Centreville,	do.	1840
St. Paul's Church, Doylestown,	do.	1847

## BUTLER COUNTY.

St. Peter's Church, Butler,	do.	1827
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## CARBON COUNTY.

St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk,	do.	1836
St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill,	do.	1850

## CENTRE COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Philipsburg,	do.	1827
St. John's Church, Bellefonte,	do.	1839

## CHESTER COUNTY.

St. Peter's Church, Great Valley,	do.	1785
St. John's Church, New London township,	do.	1793
St. Mary's Church, Warwick township,	do.	1808
St. John's Church, Pequea,	do.	1810
St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland Township,	do.	1828
St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent,	do.	1834
St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook,	do.	1837
Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester,	do.	1838
St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville,	do.	1840
St. James' Church, Downingtown,	do.	1844
St. James' Church, West Marlboro',	do.	1849

## CLEARFIELD COUNTY.

St. Andrew's Church, Clearfield,	do.	1850
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## COLUMBIA COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg,	do.	1793
St. James' Church, Derry,	do.	1849

## CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Christ Church, Meadville,	Admitted	1825
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## CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Carlisle,	do.	1821
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## DAUPHIN COUNTY.

St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg,	do.	1826
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## DELAWARE COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Chester,	do.	1786
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St. Martin's Church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook.	do.	1786
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St. David's Church, Newtown township, Radnor,	do.	1786
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St. John's Church, Concord township,	do.	1786
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Calvary Church, Rockdale,	do.	1835
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Church of the Incarnation, Darby,	do.	1854
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## ERIE COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Erie,	do.	1827
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St. Peter's Church, Waterford,	do.	1827
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## FAYETTE COUNTY.

Christ Church, Brownsville,	do.	1825
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Grace Church, Menallen,	do.	1827
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Trinity Church, Connelville,	do.	1827
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St. Peter's Church, Uniontown,	do.	1843
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St. Paul's Church, Dunbar township,	do.	1854
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## HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Huntingdon,	do.	1820
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## INDIANA COUNTY.

St. Peter's Church, Blairsville,	do.	1829
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Christ Church, Indiana,	do.	1853
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## LANCASTER COUNTY.

St. James' Church, Lancaster,	do.	1785
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Bangor Church, Cærnarvon township, Churchtown,	do.	1810
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Christ Church, Leacock,	do.	1819
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All Saints' Church, Paradise,	do.	1842
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St. Paul's Church, Columbia,	do.	1849
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St. John's Church, Marietta,	do.	1849
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Hope Church, Mount Hope,	do.	1849
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St. John's Church, Lancaster,	do.	1854
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## LUZERNE COUNTY.

St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre,	Admitted	1821
Trinity Church, Carbondale,	do.	1845
St. James' Church, Pittston,	do.	1852
St. Luke's Church, Scranton,	do.	1853
St. Peter's Church, Plymouth,	do.	1859

## LYCOMING COUNTY.

St. James' Church, Muncy,	do.	1820
Christ Church, Williamsport,	do.	1847

## MIFFLIN COUNTY.

St. Mark's Church, Lewistown,	do.	1852
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## MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

St. James' Church, Perkiomen township,	do.	1785
St. Thomas' Church, Whitmarsh township,	do.	1786
St. John's Church, Norristown,	do.	1815
Christ Church, Pottstown,	do.	1829
The Church of the Redeemer, Lower Merion,	do.	1852

## MONTOUR COUNTY.

Christ Church, Danville,	do.	1834
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## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Easton,	do.	1819
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## NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury,	do.	1827
St. Mark's Church, Northumberland,	do.	1848
Christ Church, Milton,	do.	1849

## PHILADELPHIA CITY.

Christ Church, Philadelphia,	do.	1785
St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia,	do.	1785
St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia,	do.	1785
St. James' Church, Philadelphia,	do.	1810
St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia,	do.	1823
St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia,	do.	1823
Grace Church, Philadelphia,	do.	1827
Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia,	do.	1834
Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia,	do.	1837
St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia,	do.	1839
Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia,	do.	1847



St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia,	Admitted	1848
Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia,	do.	1848
St. John's Church, Northern Liberties,	do.	1816
Advent Church, Northern Liberties,	do.	1842
St. Matthew's Church, Francisville,	do.	1825
St. Philip's Church, Spring Garden,	do.	1841
Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden,	do.	1845
Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden,	do.	1846
St. Jude's Church, Spring Garden,	do.	1848
Emmanuel Church, Kensington,	do.	1837
St. Bartholomew's Church, Kensington,	do.	1849
Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond,	do.	1847
Zion Church, South Penn Township,	do.	1849
Trinity Church, Southwark,	do.	1821
Church of the Evangelists, Southwark,	do.	1842
Gloria Dei Church, Southwark,	do.	1845
All Saints' Church, Moyamensing,	do.	1838
Church of the Crucifixion, Moyamensing,	do.	1847
St. Luke's Church, Germantown,	do.	1818
Christ Church, Germantown,	do.	1853
St. David's Church, Manayunk,	do.	1833
St. James the Less Church, North Penn township,	do.	1846
Church of the Resurrection, Rising Sun,	do.	1851
Trinity Church, Oxford township,	do.	1785
All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin township,	do.	1786
Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg,	do.	1844
St. Mark's Church, Frankford,	do.	1846
St. Mary's Church, West Philadelphia,	do.	1827
St. James' Church, Kingsessing,	do.	1844
St. Andrew's Church, West Philadelphia,	do.	1852
Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia,	do.	1852
Trinity Church, Maylandville,	do.	1853
Church of our Saviour, Moyamensing,	do.	1854
St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia,	do.	1855
St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill,	do.	1856

## POTTER COUNTY.

Christ Church, Coudersport,	do.	1856
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## SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Pottsville,	do.	1836
St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven,	do.	1839
St. Paul's Church, Minersville,	do.	1841
Zion Church, Tuscarora,	do.	1848
Church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair,	do.	1848
Calvary Church, Tamaqua,	do.	1849

## SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

St. Mark's Church, New Milford,	do.	1822
St. Paul's Church, Montrose,	do.	1832
St. Andrew's Church, Springville,	do.	1838

## TIOGA COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Wellsborough,	do.	1841
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## WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Washington,	do.	1844
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## WAYNE COUNTY.

Grace Church, Honesdale,	do.	1834
St. John's Church, Salem,	do.	1845
Zion Church, Sterling township,	do.	1851

## WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Christ Church, Greensburg,	do.	1823
St. John's Church, Latrobe,	do.	1853

## YORK COUNTY.

St. John's Church, York,	do.	1785
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## Churches not in Union with the Convention.

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### ADAMS COUNTY.

Christ Church Chapel, Petersburg, a Chapel of Christ Church, Huntingdon.

### ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

St. Peter's Church, Pittsburg.

St. Matthew's Church, Etna.

### ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

St. Michael's Church, Wayne township.

### BEAVER COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Rochester.

### BERKS COUNTY.

St. Michael's Church, Birdsboro'.

### BLAIR COUNTY.

St. Luke's Church, Altoona.

### BRADFORD COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Athens.

### BUCKS COUNTY.

Christ Church, Oakgrove, a Chapel of All Saints', Lower Dublin.

### CLINTON COUNTY.

St. James' Church, Lockhaven.

### COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Christ Church, Jerseytown.

### FAYETTE COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Mount Braddock.

### LANCASTER COUNTY.

St. John's Free Chapel, Lancaster.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Newcastle.

## MIFFLIN COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Locke's Mills.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Christ Church, Upper Merion, Swedes' Church.

## PHILADELPHIA CITY.

St. Thomas' Church, Philadelphia, for colored persons.

Church of the Redeemer, Philadelphia, Seamen's Chapel.

Calvary Church, Philadelphia, Bishop White Monument Church.

Church of the Holy Apostles.

## SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Grace Church, Lodersville, Great Bend.

St. James' Church.

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1855.	To balance due the Treasurer.....		\$79 53
May, 16,	To cash paid Rev. W. H. Paddock.....	\$10 00	
	"    "    J. G. Furey.....	11 00	
	"    "    G. Mintzer.....	2 00	
	"    "    J. A. Woodward.....	1 55	
	"    "    M. Hirst .....	2 75	
	"    "    Richard Smith .....	11 00	
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	"    "    J. A. Stone .....	2 00	
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	"    "    George Kirke.....	75	
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May 19,	Cash paid for copying and binding "Abstract of Legislation" of diocese of Pennsylvania.....	5 75	
" 19,	Cash paid discount on uncurrent funds.....	45	
" 21,	Cash paid J. Montgomery, Sexton, expenses of the Convention .....	27 05	
" 21,	Cash paid H. Rapson, organ-blower.....	2 00	
" 25,	Cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter, balance due for travelling expenses.....	62 14	
June 7,	Cash paid H. Hooker, for binding two vols. Journals of Convention.....	1 50	
July 25,	Cash paid for transcribing Journals of Convention....	15 00	
	Amount carried forward.....		\$423 53

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May 9,	By cash contribution from Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia .....	\$50 00	
" 11,	By cash St. Andrew's Church, Springville .....	3 00	
" 12,	" St. James' Church, Philadelphia .....	38 28	
" 14,	" St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia .....	50 00	
" 14,	" St. Luke's Church, Germantown .....	20 00	
" 14,	" All Saints' Church, Philadelphia .....	5 00	
" 15,	" St. Matthew's Church, Francisville .....	\$7 00	
	" Ch. of the Ascension, Philada.....	10 00	
	" Ch. of the Evangelists, Philada.....	6 00	
	" St. Mark's Church, Frankford.....	10 00	
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	" St. John's Church, Bellefonte .....	2 90	
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	" St. John's Church, Pequea.....	5 00	
	" St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook....	2 00	
	" St. James' Church, Muncy.....	8 95	
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	" St. Paul's Church, Chester.....	10 00	
	" Christ Church, Leacock.....	2 72	
	" All Saints' Church, Paradise.....	5 10	
	" St. James' Church, Downingtown.	5 00	
	" Bangor Church, Churchtown.....	4 50	
	" St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown.	3 00	
	" Ch. of the Mediator, Philada.....	1 41	
	" St. Jude's Church, Philadelphia....	7 00	
	" Emmanuel Church, Kensington ....	5 00	
	" Calvary Church, Tamaqua.....	5 00	
	" St. James' Church, Perkiomen.....	6 83	
	" St. James' Ch. Schuylkill Haven..	4 00	
	" Trinity Church, Carbondale .....	5 00	
	" St. John's Church, York.....	13 08	
	" Grace Church, Honesdale.....	10 00	
	" St. James' Church, Lancaster.....	25 94	
	" Christ Church, Greensburg.....	6 00	
	" St. Mary's Church, Chester Co.....	3 45	
	" Christ Church, Reading.....	13 25	
	" St. John's Church, Norristown.....	6 20	
	" St. Paul's Church, Minersville.....	2 00	
	" St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent	2 28	
	" St. James' Church, Bristol.....	2 50	
	" St. John's Church, Salem.....	1 70	
	" Zion Church, Sterling.....	1 82	
	" Christ Church, Alleghany.....	13 00	
	" Zion Church, Philadelphia.....	1 50	
	" St. James' Church, Kingessing ....	5 65	
	" St. Peter's Church, Butler.....	4 00	
	Amount carried forward.....	\$273 57	\$166 28



*Pennsylvania, in account with Franklin Bacon, Treasurer.*

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1855.	Amounts brought forward.....	\$273 57	\$166 28
May 16,	" St. Andrew's Church, Mantua .....	2 31	
	" St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre .....	15 00	
	" Ch. of the Messiah, Richmond.....	2 64	
	" Ch. of St. James the Less, Philada .....	5 79	
	" St. Luke's Ch. Chartier's Creek....	3 00	
	" Grace Church, Mt. Washington.....	2 00	
	" Church of the Nativity, Philada....	11 00	
	" St. David's Church, Manayunk.....	10 00	
	" St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill..	2 00	
	" St. Paul's Church, Montrose.....	5 00	
	" St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook.	5 00	
	" St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburg.....	18 00	
	" Trinity Church, Pittsburg.....	20 00	
	" St. James' Church, Pittsburg.....	5 00	
	" St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg.....	6 50	
	" Christ Church, Williamsport.....	4 11	
	" St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk.	3 00	
	" Christ Church, Towanda.....	6 65	
	" Gloria Dei Church, Philada.....	10 00	
" 17,	" St. John's Church, Carlisle .....	8 00	
	" St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh.	3 00	
	" Trinity Church, Easton.....	6 00	
	" Trinity Church, Oxford.....	6 10	
	" St. Paul's Church, Kittanning.....	4 37	
	" Ch. of the Holy Trinity, Westcht'r	10 50	
	" St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg.	15 00	
	" Ch. of the Advent, Philadelphia....	20 21	
" 18,	" Grace Church, Hulmeville.....	2 00	
	" St. Luke's Church, Newtown.....	2 00	
	" St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville	1 00	
	" Christ Church, Pottstown .....	2 00	
	" St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia...	59 00	549 75
" 28,	" St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.....		50 00
July 24,	" St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia .....		95 55
" 30,	" Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg.....		8 89
Oct. 11,	" Triuity Church, Philadelphia.....		11 68
1856.			44 96
Jan. 26,	" St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia.....		25 00
Feb 15,	" Christ Church, Philadelphia.....		5 00
April 7,	" Christ Church, Greensburg,.....		3 00
" 18,	" St. Andrew's Church, Springville.....		75 00
" 18,	" St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.....		50 00
" 28,	" St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.....		50 00
" 29,	" St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia .....		3 63
" 29,	" Church of the Messiah, Richmond.....		\$1139 74
	By balance brought down.....		\$267 28
E. E.	FRANKLIN BACON, <i>Treasurer.</i>		
	<i>Philadelphia, April 29th, 1856.</i>		



*Dr.**Fund for Disabled Clergymen,*

1855.			
June 25,	To cash paid Rev. Anson B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due July 1st.....	\$62 50	
July 2,	To cash paid Mrs. Rachel Bryant, one qr. appropriation due 1st.....	25 00	
" 2,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.....	50 00	
" 2,	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.....	50 00	
" 2,	To cash paid Rev. Geo. P. Hopkins, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.....	62 50	
Aug. 14,	To cash paid Rev. Norris M. Jones, special appropriation.....	100 00	
Sep. 27,	To cash paid Rev. Anson B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due Oct. 1st.....	62 50	
Oct. 1,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due this day.....	50 00	
" 1,	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due this day.....	50 00	
" 1,	To cash paid Mrs. Rachel Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due this day.....	25 00	
Nov. 3,	To cash paid Rev. Geo. P. Hopkins, one qr. appropriation, due Oct. 1st.....	62 50	
Dec. 4,	To cash paid Rev. Joseph Jaquett, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.....	62 50	
" 18,	To cash paid Rev. Geo. P. Hopkins, one qr. appropriation, due Jan. 1st .....	62 50	
" 28,	To cash paid Rev. Anson B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due Jan. 1st.....	62 50	
1856.			
Jan. 2,	To cash paid Mrs. Rachel Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst .....	25 00	
" 2,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.....	50 00	
" 2,	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst .....	50 00	
March 6,	To cash paid Rev. Jos. Jaquett, one qr. appropriation, due 1st inst.....	62 50	
" 27,	To cash paid Rev. Anson B. Hard, one qr. appropriation, due April 1st.....	62 50	
April 1,	To cash paid Mrs. Rachel Bryant, one qr. appropriation, due this day.....	25 00	
" 1,	To cash paid Mrs. Lydia Lane, one qr. appropriation, due this day.....	50 00	
" 1,	To cash paid Mrs. F. B. Bourns, one qr. appropriation, due this day.....	50 00	
" 1,	To cash paid Rev. Geo. P. Hopkins, one qr. appropriation, due this day.....	62 50	
" 1,	To cash paid discount on uncurrent funds, and postages.....	83	
Amount carried forward.....			\$1225 83

in account with *Franklin Bacon, Treasurer.*

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1855.			
May 12,	By balance per account rendered.....		\$425 51
" 15,	By contribution from Trinity Church, Honesdale.....	\$ 5 00	
	By St. Jane's Church, Lancaster.....	25 84	
	" St. Jude's Church, Philadelphia.....	16 00	
" 16,	" St. Paul's Church, Laceyville.....	1 75	
	" St. Peter's Church, Butler.....	5 75	
	" Church of the Nativity, Philadelphia..	19 00	
	" St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburg.....	14 00	
" 17,	" St. John's Church, Carlisle .....	11 51	
	" St. Paul's Church, Kittanning .....	4 00	
	" St. Luke's Church, Germantown.....	15 00	
	" St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg.....	20 86	
	" St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg.....	5 36	
" 22,	" St. James the Less, Philadelphia.....	19 08	
July 6,	" Interest on investment \$1000 city 5 per cent. loan.....		\$23 50
	" Interest on investment \$700 city 6 per cent loan.....		\$19 95
Dec. 26,	" Cont. from Emmanuel Ch. Holmesburg.	12 55	
" 27,	" St. Mary's Church, West Philadelphia..	20 30	
	" St. Paul's Church, Chester.....	6 25	
	" Ch. of the Saviour, West Philadelphia..	10 33	
	" St. James' Church, Philadelphia.....	80 00	
	" Ch. of the Messiah, Richmond.....	8 40	
" 28,	" Trinity Church, Oxford.....	6 00	
	" St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.....	129 21	
	" Trinity Church, Pottsville.....	13 32	
" 29,	" St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia.....	200 11	
	" St. Paul's Church, Montrose.....	6 00	
" 31,	" Christ Church, Meadville.....	7 75	
	" St. Matthew's Church, Francisville.....	8 85	
	" St. Andrew's Church, Mantua.....	6 25	
	" Ch. of the Advent, Philadelphia.....	32 26	
	" St. David's Church, Manayunk.....	10 00	
	" St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury.....	4 30	
	" St. Mark's Church, Northumberland....	2 70	
	" St. Peter's, Church, Philadelphia.....	171 00	
1856.			
Jan. 2.	" St. James' Church, Perkiomen.....	7 00	
	" St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia.....	50 00	
	" Grace Church, Honesdale .....	15 00	
	" Christ Church, Danville.....	8 30	
	" St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre .....	30 00	
" 3,	" Christ Church, Pottstown.....	7 00	
" 4,	" Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia.....	14 00	
	" Christ Church, Williamport .....	10 50	
	" Christ Church, Philadelphia.....	64 60	
" 7,	" Interest on investment \$1000 city 5 per cent. loan.....		\$23 50
	Amounts carried forward.....	\$1105 13	\$492 46

*Dr.**Fund for Disabled Clergymen*

1856.	Amount brought forward.....	\$1225 83
April 26,	To balance carried down.....	736 96
		<u>\$1962 79</u>

THE Trustees of the Christmas Fund for Disabled Clergymen, respectfully report that since the last annual report, they have received \$1,537 28 ; of which \$1,449 38 was contributed by fifty-seven churches, \$1 by an individual, and \$86 90 interest on temporary investment in city of Philadelphia loan.

The balance in the Treasurer's hand at the commencement of the fiscal year was \$425 51. There has been expended since then the sum of \$1225 83, leaving \$736 96 to meet the expenses for the remainder of the year. There remains also \$1700 invested in the loan of the city of Philadelphia, to meet any unusual demand. The benefits of the trust have been extended during the year to three clergymen, and to the widows of three at an annual expenditure of \$12.50, and temporary aid to the extent of \$100, has been afforded to one other clergyman disabled for the time being, from the discharge of his ministerial duties.

WILLIAM H. NEWBOLD, *Secretary.*  
*Philadelphia, May 5th, 1856.*

in account with *Franklin Bacon, Treasurer.*

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1856.	Amounts brought forward.....	\$1105 13	\$492 46
Jan. 7,	" Interest on Investment \$700 City 6 per cent. loan.....		19 95
" 10,	" contribution from Trinity Ch. Easton...	\$ 6 54	
" 12,	" St. Mark's Church, Frankford.....	10 00	
	" Communicants at Easton, per Rev. J. M. Rogers.....	11 00	
	" All Saint's Church, Moyamensing.....	9 12	
" 19,	" St. Matthew's Ch., Sunbury, (additional)	1 00	
" 19,	" Bangor Church, Churchtown.....	13 00	
" 21,	" St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.....	70 00	
" 25,	" Ch. of the Holy Trinity, Westchester....	20 00	
Feb. 9,	" St. John's Church, Bellefonte.....	4 25	
" 11,	" St. Jude's Church, Philadelphia.....	23 38	
" 28,	" Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, (additional) .....	1 00	
March 4,	" St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk.....	6 50	
" 6,	" St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill... ..	3 50	
" 7,	" Trinity Church, Carbondale.....	8 00	
" 24,	" St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia .....	141 55	
	" A lady, by Editors of Episcopal Recorder		1 00
	" St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook. ....	3 75	
	" St. James' Church, Muncy.....	7 24	
	" St. Andrew's Church, Springville.....	4 42	1449 38
			<u>\$1962 79</u>
April 29.	By balance brought down.....		<u>\$736 96</u>

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FRANKLIN BACON, *Treasurer.*  
*Philadelphia, April 19, 1856.*

THE undersigned have examined the foregoing account, compared the vouchers with the entries and have found the same correct. Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, seven hundred and thirty-six dollars and ninety-six cents, and the investment of seventeen hundred dollars in the bonds of the city of Philadelphia. One thousand dollars at five per cent., seven hundred at 6 per cent.

THOMAS ROBINS, }  
WM. H. NEWBOLD, } *Committee.*  
*Philadelphia, May 5, 1856.*





in account with John Welsh, Treasurer.

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1855.			
May 9,	Balance, as per account audited this day...		\$43 86
	<i>Receipts from Parishes during the year.</i>		
	St. Mark's Church, Frankford .....	\$10 00	
	Evangelists' " Philadelphia.....	6 00	
	St. Matthew's " Francisville .....	7 00	
	St. Paul's " West Whiteland .....	3 50	
	St. Peter's " Great Valley.....	4 83	
	Christ " Leacock.....	2 16	
	All Saints' " Paradise .....	4 54	
	Emmanuel " Kensington.....	15 00	
	Mediator " Philadelphia.....	5 59	
	Mission " Heckscherville...	2 25	
	St. Jude's " Philadelphia .....	12 00	
	Trinity " Carbondale .....	5 00	
	St. James' " Lancaster ... ..	24 65	
	St. James' " Perkiomen.....	5 00	
	St. Martin's " Marcus Hook ....	5 00	
	St. James' " Kingsessing .....	17 00	
	St. James the Less Philadelphia.....	5 91	
	St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk ...	2 00	
	St. Philip's " Summit Hill. ...	2 00	
	Nativity " Philadelphia... ..	20 00	
	Gloria Dei " Philadelphia.....	10 00	
	St. Andrew's " Mantua .....	3 62	
	St. Thomas' " Whitmarsh.....	2 50	
	Trinity " Oxford.....	6 06	
	St. James' " Bristol.....	2 50	
	St. John's " Norristown.....	6 86	
	St. Stephen's " Harrisburg .....	14 57	
	Advent " Philadelphia.....	20 20	
	St. Peter's " Pittsburg .....	23 23	
	St. Andrew's " Pittsburg .....	24 00	
	St. Luke's " Germantown .....	20 00	
	do. " do. ....	20 00	
	St. John's " Carlisle.....	10 00	
	St. Mary's " Chester .....	2 83	
	St. Andrew's " " .....	1 47	
	St. John's " Philadelphia .....	11 73	
	Trinity " Pottsville.....	14 20	
	St. Stephen's " Wilkesbarre .....	20 00	
	Emmanuel " Holmesburg .....	8 88	
	Christ " Towanda.....	10 00	
	Trinity " Pittsburg .....	50 00	
	St. John's " Bellefonte .....	2 00	
	Messiah " Philadelphia. ....	2 65	
	St. James' " Muncy .....	4 00	
	Trinity " Southwark .....	30 00	
	St. Thomas' " Morgantown.....	5 00	
	Amount carried forward.....	\$485 76	\$43 86



in account with John Welsh, Treasurer.

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1855.

Amount brought forward.....		\$444 11	\$ 43 86
Bangor " Churchtown.....		6 00	
All Saints " Lower Dublin ...		15 87	
Trinity " Oxford.....		10 00	
RECEIPTS FROM INVESTMENTS.			517 63
Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan			
\$23,676 26.....	\$1183 81		
Less State tax .....	59 19		
		1124 62	
Philadelphia 6 per cent. loan \$400	24 00		
Less State tax .....	1 20		
		22 80	
RECEIPTS FROM A. DOZ LEGACY.			1147 42
Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan,			
\$1,486 72.....	74 34		
Less State tax.....	3 72	70 62	
12 months Ground Rent, from W.			
Stewart .....		144 00	
12 months Ground Rent, from			
Mrs. McCall.....	12 00		
Less taxes.....	3 24	8 76	
Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan,			
\$504 95.....	25 24		
Less State tax .....	1 24	24 00	
			247 38
RECEIPTS FROM THE KOHNE LEGACY.			
Philada. 6 per cent. loan, \$4,600	276 00		
Less State tax .....	13 80	262 20	
Pennsylvania 5 percent. loan, \$150	7 50		
Less State tax... ..	38	7 12	
RECEIPTS FROM THE PILMORE LEGACY			269 32
through R. R. Montgomery,			
Esq., Treasurer.			
Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan,			
\$7,950.....	397 52		
Less State tax .....	19 88		
RECEIPTS FROM THE HUTCHINS LEGACY			377 64
through R. R. Montgomery,			
Esq., Treasurer.			
Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan,			
\$1,880 58.....	94 03		
Less State tax.....	4 70		
			89 33
Amount carried forward.....			\$2692 58

*Dr.**Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,*

1855,	Amount brought forward.....	\$4516 01
	Amount carried forward.....	<u>\$4516 01</u>

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer.

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1856.	Amount brought forward....			\$2692 58
	RECEIPTS FROM THE LOAN IN AID OF THE FUND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE IN PENNSYLVANIA, through R. R. Montgomery, Esq., Treasurer.			
	Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, \$2824 86.....	\$141 24		
	Less State tax.....	7 06		
			\$134 18	
	Pennsylvania 5 per cent. loan, \$3774 81.....	173 74		
	Less State tax.....	8 69		
			165 05	
	Lehigh 6 per cent. loan, \$1495 36		89 72	
	Less proportion paid Bishop Onderdonk .....		388 95	
			42 83	
				346 12
	SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF THE BISHOP'S SALARY:			
	St. James', Philadelphia.....		\$150 00	
	Epiphany, ".....		150 00	
	St. Stephen's, ".....		150 00	
	St. Andrew's, ".....		150 00	
	Grace Church, ".....		150 00	
	St. Luke's, ".....		150 00	
	Christ Church, ".....		150 00	
	St. Paul's, ".....		150 00	
	St. Peter's, ".....		150 00	
	St. Philip's, ".....		100 00	
				1450 00
	Interest received on the uninvested money during the year .....			27 31
	Amount carried forward.....			\$4516 01



Dr.

*Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,*

1855.

Amount brought forward..... \$4516 01

THE subscribers, appointed by the Standing Committee, do certify that they have examined the foregoing account and found it correct ; they have also examined the certificates of stock in which the fund is invested, amounting to twenty-three thousand six hundred and seventy-six dollars and twenty-six cents Pennsylvania Five per cent. Loan, and four hundred dollars Philadelphia City R. R. Six per cent. Loan, belonging to the Episcopal Fund, and four thousand six hundred dollars Philadelphia City R. R. Six per cent. Loan, and one hundred and fifty dollars Pennsylvania Five per cent. Loan, belonging to the Kohne Legacy.

\$23,676 26 Penn. 5 per cent. Loan.  
 400 00 Philada. City 6 per cent. R. R. Loan.

\$24,076 26 Episcopal Fund.

\$4,600 00 Philada. 6 per cent. R. R. Loan.  
 150 00 Penna. 5 per cent. Loan.

\$4,750 00 Kohne Legacy.

THOMAS ROBINS, }  
 WM. F. GRIFFITTS, } *Committee.*

*Philadelphia, April 29th, 1856.*

in account with John Welsh, Treasurer.

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1855.

Amounts brought forward.....	\$4516 01
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Balance in my hands.....	\$516 01
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E. &amp; O. E.

JOHN WELSH, Treasurer.

Philadelphia, April 29, 1856.

THE Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania consists of twenty-three thousand six hundred and seventy-six dollars and twenty-six cents Pennsylvania Five per cent. Loan, four hundred dollars Philadelphia City R. R. Six per cent. Loan, and five hundred and sixteen dollars and one cent in the Bank of North America; and the Kohne legacy of four thousand six hundred dollars in Philadelphia City Six per cent. Loan, and one hundred and fifty dollars in Pennsylvania Five per cent. Loan.

\$23,676 20 Penna. 5 per cent. Loan.  
 400 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 per cent. Loan.  
 516 01 in Bank of North America.

\$24,592 21 Episcopal Fund.

\$4,600 00 Philada. City R. R. 6 per cent Loan.  
 150 00 Penna. 5 per cent. Loan.

\$4,750 00 Kohne Legacy of the Episcopal Fund.

JAMES S. SMITH, G. M. WHARTON, THOMAS ROBINS, JOHN WELSH,	}	<i>Trustees of the          Episcopal Fund.</i>
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Philadelphia, May 3d, 1856.

# TO PERSONS WHO HAVE IN CONTEMPLATION

THE

## MINISTRY

OF THE

### Protestant Episcopal Church.

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MARCH 8th, 1854.

Under the Canons of the General Convention, or their own rules, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, require from persons applying to them for the testimonials which are pre-requisite to CANDIDATESHIP for the Diaconate,

1. Written evidence that they have given to the Bishop, notice of their intention. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 1.

2. A certificate from one presbyter and four laymen. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 2.

3. When an abridgment of time, on the ground of having exercised the ministry in another denomination, is desired, two additional testimonials, Canon VII., of 1838, Section 3 and 4.

From persons applying to them for the testimonials which are pre-requisite to ORDINATION to the *Diaconate*, the Standing Committee require,

1. The certificate of the minister and vestry. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

Or, if the parish is without a minister, (which circumstance must be attested,) the above-mentioned certificate signed by the vestry alone. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

Or, if there is no vestry of the parish, or, from peculiar circumstances not affecting character, no possibility of procuring testimonials from the minister and vestry of the parish, (which facts must be attested) the certificate above mentioned, signed by twelve respectable Episcopalians. Canon XV., of 1832, Sections 2 and 3.

Or, In certain cases, the above-named certificate, altered as to time. Canon VII., of 1838, Section 4.

2. The certificate of a Presbyter. Canon XV., of 1832, Sect. 2.

3. In the case of an individual desiring the consent of the committee to his ordination before the expiration of his three years of candidateship, evidence that the bishop deems such abridgment of time expedient. Canon VII., of 1853, Section 7.

From persons applying to them for the testimonials which are prerequisite to ORDINATION to the PRIESTHOOD, the Standing Committee require,

1 & 2. The first and second of the certificates which are mentioned above, as required from individuals applying for the testimonials prerequisite to ordination to the diaconate, with the *exception* that the papers may cover only so much time as has intervened between the deacon's ordination and his application for priest's orders. Canon XV., of 1832, Section 5.

3. In the case of a deacon desiring to be ordained to the priesthood within less than one year from his ordination to the diaconate, a notification by the bishop concerning the case. Canon VIII., of 1832. Resolution of Standing Committee, May 3, 1853.

4. Evidence of an academical degree, or of satisfactory examination by presbyters, unless this evidence was filed with this committee on the individual's applying for his first testimonials. Canon VII., of 1853, Section 3.

5. When a dispensation is desired, a certificate of extraordinary qualities, unless this certificate was filed with this committee, on the individual's applying for his first testimonials. Canon VII., of 1853, Sect. 4.

The Standing Committee meet statedly on the first Tuesday of every month.

They require that a testimonial, coming from a vestry, bear on its face that it was subscribed in vestry-meeting.

They construe the Canons *strictly*.

Application to be recommended for admission to Candidateship for the Diaconate, lie over one month.

By order of the Standing Committee.

G. EMLÉN HARE,	}	<i>Sub Committee.</i>
H. J. MORTON,		
JOHN A. VAUGHAN,		

# Form of Certificate of Lay Deputies to Convention.

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It is hereby certified, that at a meeting of the Vestry of Church, in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of 18\_\_\_\_, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ was duly elected a lay deputy to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, to be held in \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ next; and that the said deputy is now, and has also been for not less than the six calendar months next before his election, a worshipper in the said Church.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_.

} Wardens.

} Vestrymen.

N. B.—If more than one deputy be chosen, a certificate in the above form may be given to each, or which is better, the names of all may be included in one certificate, varying the language accordingly.

The attention of Wardens and Vestrymen is called to the following Canon of the edition of 1851 :

## CANON XI.

*Of the Evidence of appointment of the Lay Deputies to the Convention.*

The appointment of Lay Deputies to the Convention of this Diocese shall be certified in writing by a warden or two vestrymen of the proper church; and the certificate shall state that the deputy or each deputy named in it, if the certificate be for more than one, is, and has also been for not less than six months before the time of his election a worshipper in the church he is deputed to represent. And no other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any lay deputy or deputies to the Convention of this Diocese shall be allowed or received. The certificate shall be in duplicate, and one copy forwarded to the Secretary of the Convention, the other given to the lay deputies.

## Form of Parochial Report.

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*To the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*  
Report of the parish of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, in \_\_\_\_\_, in  
the county of \_\_\_\_\_, for the year ending May 1st, 18\_\_\_\_,  
CONGREGATION. Families, \_\_\_\_\_; Adults, \_\_\_\_\_; children, \_\_\_\_\_; total,  
BAPTISMS. Adults, \_\_\_\_\_; infants, \_\_\_\_\_; total,  
CONFIRMED.  
COMMUNICANTS. Added, \_\_\_\_\_; Died or removed, \_\_\_\_\_; present num-  
ber, \_\_\_\_\_  
MARRIAGES.  
BURIALS.  
PUBLIC SERVICES. On Sundays, \_\_\_\_\_; other days, \_\_\_\_\_; total,  
CHILDREN CATECHIZED. Times \_\_\_\_\_  
SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Male, \_\_\_\_\_; Teachers, \_\_\_\_\_; Pupils,  
" Female, \_\_\_\_\_; Teachers, \_\_\_\_\_; Pupils,  
" Infant. \_\_\_\_\_, Teachers, \_\_\_\_\_; Pupils,  
BIBLE CLASSES, \_\_\_\_\_; Members,  
COLLECTIONS. Episcopal Fund, \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Convention Fund, \$ \_\_\_\_\_;  
Soc. Adv. Christianity, \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Diocesan Missionary Society, \$ \_\_\_\_\_;  
Missionary and other purposes, \$ \_\_\_\_\_; total, \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
STATISTICS OF PARISH. See Journal of 1849,—pp. 51-2,—as  
follows:  
Property other than the church building and lot owned by the  
parish,  
Amount of indebtedness of the church of the parish,  
Amount of salary the clergyman is entitled to receive,  
Arrears of salary, if any,





## PENNSYLVANIA.

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THE present number of clergymen is one hundred and sixty-one. There are twenty-eight Candidates for Orders.

The whole number of congregations is one hundred and eighty-one—twenty-two of which are not in union with the Convention.

The whole number of persons confirmed since the last report is three thousand two hundred and forty-two—being an increase of five hundred and eighty-one.

Twenty-one Candidates have been admitted to the Diaconate, and eighteen Deacons have been ordained Priests—being an increase of fifteen over the number reported in 1853. Three Presbyters, the Rev. James H. Fowles, the Rev. Robert Davis, and the Rev. Freeman Lane, and one Deacon, the Rev. John C. Helnuth, have been removed by death.

Further information can be obtained from the subjoined Summary of Parochial Reports.

## Summary of Parochial Reports.

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1854.

Baptisms—Adults,	316.	
do. Infants,	2344.	
do. not spec.,	64.=	2,724.
Communicants,	11,123.	
Confirmed,	960.	
Marriages,	903.	
Funerals,	1,213.	
S. S. Teachers,	1,562.	
S. S. Scholars,	14,841.	
Contributions for payment of Church debts and benevolent purposes,		\$120,194 75.

1855.

Baptisms—Adults,	367.	
do. Infants,	2702.	
do. not spec.,	101.=	3,170.
Communicants,	11,494.	
Confirmed,	1,294.	
Marriages,	887.	
Funerals,	1,534.	
S. S. Teachers,	1,765.	
S. S. Scholars,	17,345.	
Contributions for payment of Church debts and benevolent purposes,		\$127,391 34.

1856.

Baptisms—Adults,	333.	
do. Infants,	2706.	
do. not spec.,	85.=	3,124.
Communicants,	12,816.	
Confirmed,	988.	
Marriages,	749.	
Funerals,	1,305.	
S. S. Teachers,	1,772.	
S. S. Scholars,	16,891.	
Contributions for payment of Church debts and benevolent purposes,		\$133,539 19.

THE NUMBER OF BAPTISMS, SPECIAL SERVICES, AND THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS, ARE THE AGGREGATE OF THE SAME FOR THE YEARS COMMENCING MAY, 1853, AND TERMINATING MAY, 1856.

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CONTRIBUTIONS  
FOR  
CHURCH DEBT  
AND  
OTHER  
PURPOSES.

9 722 46
88 36
545 87
523 50
231 43
249 76
144 90
57 00
9 722 46